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Authority criticised for 'flogging' details about residents

COUNCIL SELLING PERSONAL DATA

Report by Pete Madeley

DUDLEY Council has been criticised for selling residents' data, raising more than £13,000 over five years.

West Midlands Euro MP Bill Etheridge said it was wrong that local authorities appeared happy to 'flog our data off to the highest bidder'.

Councils across the West Midlands have made nearly £100,000 by selling personal information, according to information released via a Freedom of Information request.

In the last six years local councils have sold data from the electoral register to hundreds of organisations and individuals. Buyers include credit reference agencies, insurance companies, property agencies and politicians. They pay up to £600 for a full copy of the register, including the names and addresses of voters.

Transactions dating back to 2012 for seven authorities in the West Midlands collectively brought in £97,501.50. Councils insist they are legally obliged to sell the register and fees charged are set by the Electoral Commission.

Privacy

But critics warn unscrupulous firms are abusing the system for marketing and publicity.

Former Sedgley councillor Mr Etheridge said: "This has been going on for years and has now become normal and accepted practice for many councils.

"It shows that, in this day and age, nothing is private. We need more privacy with our personal information and it is understandable that people are angry when they see councils making such huge profits from this."

Big Brother Watch director Silkie Carlo said: "No public authority should sell residents' personal information to private entities for profit. This sale of data leaves us open to targeted advertising and undermines trust in councils.

"The open register should be opt in rather than opt out - that way, we could truly see how many people want their data sold for marketing purposes."

Dudley Council made £13,825 in the last five years. The majority of the sales were to credit reference agencies, although a firm specialising in planning weddings shelled out £423.50 for an edited version of the list.

TAKE A PEAKY AT MUSEUM'S MOST POPULAR NIGHT



Visitors stylishly turned the clock back to the 1920s at the hugely popular Peaky Blinders Night at the Black Country Living Museum

IT was flat caps and flapper dresses as far as the eye could see as thousands of Peaky Blinder lookalikes strolled through the streets of the Black Country Living Museum.

The Dudley attraction, which was used for filming scenes for the hit TV 1920s gangster drama, hosted the special night on Saturday and it was a sell-out success.

Fans dressed up in the 1920s fashions and had flocked from all around the region to step

out like the characters from the award-winning TV show, which stars Cillian Murphy and Helen McCrory.

Street theatre actors brought the world of the Shelby crime family and rival gangs to life, including fight scenes. There was also music and entertainment from the roaring 20s.

The event was so popular that tickets sold out within 24 hours of going on sale.

Visitors to the adult-only event, took to social media to comment on the 'fantastic' night.

The open air museum was used to film much of the show including scenes at Charlie's Yard, which was filmed by the canal, but CGI was used to add huge factories in the background.

Filming is about to begin for season five of Peaky Blinders, which returns next year.

ANNIVERSARY

Carl's pal hits £1,000 target for memorial

A SCHOOL friend of murdered paperboy Carl Bridgewater is overjoyed at reaching his £1,000 target for a memorial bench in time for the 40th anniversary of the teenager's death yesterday (Wednesday).

Adrian Goodaker, aged 54, said: "I'm overwhelmed that people have been so generous."

The money was raised in just a month after the father-of-two launched an online appeal. A bench will now be installed at one of the teenager's favourite places, Himley Hall, overlooking the lake where he used to sail.

ENVIRONMENT

Fly-tipping incidents are down by a fifth

ENFORCEMENT officers issued more than £7,000 in fixed penalty notices to fly-tippers in Dudley borough.

It comes as instances of illegally dumping waste in Dudley dropped from 1,069 during 2016/17 to 832 to 2017/18 - a 20 per cent drop.

The decrease in Dudley has meant the amount the borough spends cleaning up has fallen to £56,020 from £63,295 in the previous 12 months.

EVENT

Marking 100 years since end of war

A SPECIAL re-enactment display is to be held in Cradley Heath to mark 100 years since the end of the First World War.

The Sandwell Remembers free event will be held at Haden Hill House Museum on Sunday, September 30, noon to 4pm. Visitors will be able to learn more about life in the trenches from Royal Warwickshire Regiment re-enactment group.

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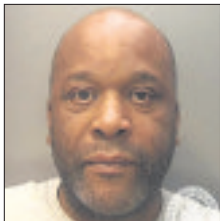
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Callous killer is sentenced to 15 years



Rickardo Wilson – jailed

A BRUTAL bully, who watched TV rather than call an ambulance as his former partner lay dying on the floor, has been locked up for 15 years.

Rickardo Wilson has been found guilty by a jury of the manslaughter of 44-year-old mother-of-eight Claire Harris and was last week sentenced by Judge Michael Challinor at Stafford Crown Court.

Judge Challinor told him: “You are a dangerous individual and you pose a significant risk to the public, particularly future partners. You were punching, slapping and strangling her as she strug-

gled and fought for her life, until she was dead. You then left her on the floor and callously watched television.”

The 50-year-old defendant claimed to have ‘no idea’ how Miss Harris came by the 86 injuries she suffered.

There was no definitive cause of death but the pathologist said it was likely to have been asphyxia. There was deep internal bruising to her neck muscles.

The couple had split up but Miss Harris had allowed him to remain in her flat in Cinder Bank, Netherton – where he had lived intermittently since 2015 –

while Wilson looked for accommodation and she stayed with her sons.

The victim was lured back to the address by a dinner invitation on January 23. A neighbour saw the pair struggling outside the flat with him holding her in a headlock while she shouted he was about to kill her. Wilson claimed he had used reasonable force on grandmother-of-six Miss Harris, saying she had been holding a knife.

Her family said in a statement: “Mom was a wonderful and kind-hearted person, who would help anyone.”

Community volunteers recognised for efforts

Report by Dayna Farrington

THEY are the best of the Black Country – and now they have been recognised for their hard work and dedication to their communities.

Six people from the region – including two cousins – were among those honoured with a British Empire Medal (BEM) award at a ceremony at Birmingham Council House last Wednesday.

The recipients were presented with the awards by West Midlands Lord Lieutenant John Crabtree OBE, after being named in the New Year's Honours and Queen's Birthday Honours.

Sixty-six-year-old Judith Morris has been honoured after she has trained thousands of young people in first aid. Mrs Morris, from Halesowen, has directly and indirectly been responsible for lifesaving since 1962 when she joined St John Ambulance.

She spent 20 years as the manager of Halesowen Youth Unit for the charity and has trained hundreds of children in schools First Aid Skills. Her lifetime service to Halesowen includes running a food bank.

Caring

Mrs Morris said: “I have always had a very strong team of young people to train and who I am very passionate about teaching first aid to. It is lovely to see them grow up and a lot of them go into caring professions.

“It is a skill they may be able to use to save someone's life with at any time. I must have trained thousands over the years.

“It is a great honour to receive the award.”

David Walker, 63, has been honoured for his dedicated work over the last 20 years to helping young people in Sandwell.

Mr Walker, who lives in Rowley Regis, is said to have been a life-changing mentor to teenage boys getting them to open up about their problems.

His efforts were cited during his time as a special constable and as a Justice of the Peace, where he often sits on student disciplinary panels. He is also a governor for two schools that are known for good community practice and he runs a garden club after school for Blackheath Primary School.

Historian Terence Price, from West Bromwich, has been awarded a BEM for his services to his



Front, from left, Kathryn Livingston from Oxley (services to people with Dissociative Identity Disorder), Terence (Terry) Price from West Bromwich (services to community), Pauline Hodgetts from Tipton (services to community in Tipton), Judith Morris from Halesowen (voluntary service to first aid and young people). Back, from left, Eilyn Pugh from Willenhall (voluntary service to rugby), Jennifer Harrison from Halesowen (voluntary service to young people and community), David Walker from Rowley Regis (services to community), David Pearce from Cradley Heath (voluntary and charitable services to healthcare)

community. Apart from successfully campaigning and using his own money to prevent demolition of buildings such as Hill House, Foley fountain and the Pound, the 79-year-old researched and found West Bromwich's first War Memorial, which was hidden in Heath Lane Cemetery.

An avid collector of old photos and postcards, he has published eight books. Money from the sales of his books have been ploughed into restoration projects and community initiatives. He also served 19 years as a West Bromwich magistrate.

His cousin, 74-year-old Pauline Hodgetts, from

Tipton, has been honoured for her passion for the town and its heritage. She created a memorial garden and stone to commemorate the life and athletic achievements of Jack Holden, the marathon runner; restored the drinking fountain in Victoria Park and is chairman of the cemetery group that worked hard to get a Peace Garden.

Willenhall Rugby Club's Eilyn Pugh, 83, has been devoted to rugby in the Black Country and Kathryn Livingston, 61, from Wolverhampton, has been honoured for her work in the field on mental health.

Drink-drive crooner did 117mph in car chase

A DRUNKEN professional singer, who reached speeds of up to 117 mph in a car chase, has been locked up.

Peter Wayre was still driving at 97 mph after two of his BMW's tyres were punctured by a spikes on a police stinger, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

The 1940s-style crooner continued to speed as his car started to fall apart after crashing into a barrier, leaving the BMW trailing a shower of sparks, said prosecutor Mr Peter Grice.

The drama started after an unmarked police car spotted the 35-year-old driving too fast on Darlaston Road, Wednesbury, after a performance in the area on June 18.

He ignored the flashing lights and accelerated away while being followed by several police cars on the Aston Expressway and the M6.

When finally apprehended, the defendant gave a reading of 50 micrograms of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath. The legal limit is 35.

Miss Nicole Steers, defending Wayre, of Wadsworth Street, Halifax, said he had ‘panicked’ and was ‘deeply ashamed’.

He pleaded guilty to dangerous driving, drink-driving and causing criminal damage while having neither insurance nor a valid licence. He was jailed for six months with a two year driving ban on release.

Six-figure HS2 wages criticised

THE six-figure salaries of HS2 bosses have been defended by one of the major rail project's directors.

Tom Kelly, director of stakeholder engagement at HS2, insisted that pay packages are ‘decided by the market’.

Opponents of the £55.7 billion scheme claim the high earnings are excessive.

Cabinet Office data shows that HS2 Ltd, the taxpayer-owned company behind the project, paid 51 employees at least £150,000 per year as of September 2017.

The highest earner is chief executive Mark Thurston, with a £600,000 salary.

Former chief financial officer Steve Allen left the company in March after earning £415,000 per year. Phase 1 managing director Jim Crawford has a £400,000 annual pay deal.

Mr Kelly said: “The amount of salary that we have to pay is decided by the market. We have to compete in the market and it's not just a British market, it's a global market.

“We have to have the people who are qualified to do the job. This is something that has been designed to serve this country for over a century.”

The first phase is due to open between London and Birmingham in December 2026.

Green light for home despite objections

PLANS to turn a detached house into a residential home for youngsters have been given the green light by councillors, despite fears about drugs and the impact on children at a nearby school.

Dudley's development committee passed the plan to convert the five-bedroom home on Springfield Road, Halesowen, into a residential unit for three youngsters aged between eight and 18 at its meeting last week.

The application by PCF Residential Childcare Ltd stated it would be used for young people 'experiencing developmental difficulties and problematic early life experiences including attachment disorder, emotional behaviours and moderate to low learning difficulties'.

Councillors backed the scheme despite fears of residents that young children at a nearby school could be influenced by young people with behavioural problems.

Recommending councillors approve the change of use, planning officers stated that offering children a stable environment was akin to a residential use and noted that West Midlands Police had no objection.

Councillors also passed a similar application for a two-bedroom residential child care home in Liddon Road after they heard objections from a local resident.

Chair of governors must go, say MPs

DUDLEY'S four MPs have called for the chair of governors at the trust that runs Russells Hall Hospital to resign in the wake of serious failings in the hospital's A&E department.

In a letter to governors at the Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, the group said they had lost faith in the ability of Jenni Ord to hold the hospital's leadership to account.

The emergency department has been rated 'inadequate' in a report by the Care Quality Commission and dozens of deaths there are being investigated in an independent inquiry.

The letter was signed by Tory MPs Mike Wood (Dudley South), Margot James (Stourbridge), James Morris (Halesowen and Rowley Regis), and Labour's Ian Austin (Dudley North).

Ms Ord, who took up the post in January 2016, has vowed to stay on.

She said: "I know that the required improvements have not occurred as quickly as the board or our regulators would like.

"We are seeing improvements and I remain absolutely committed to ensuring our emergency department is the safest it can be for our patients."

Motorbike 'show off' left boy brain damaged



Martin Charles – bravado

A MOTORCYCLIST, who almost killed the boy he treated as his stepson while 'showing off' with the child riding pillion, has been jailed for three years.

Twelve-year-old Joshua Locke suffered 'catastrophic' brain injuries in the crash. Wolverhampton Crown Court heard that he will be seriously disabled for the rest of his life. Martin Charles took the boy for a 30 minute 'spin' on the back of a stolen 125cc machine against the wishes of the youngster's mother, said Mr Howard Searle, prosecuting, but the 30-year-old rider crashed into a car in Daisy Street, Coseley.

Charles had no valid licence nor insurance and had given his helmet to the boy to wear. He went onto the wrong side of the road to overtake a line of traffic waiting to turn into the Asda car park in Daisy Street, Coseley, but ploughed into a Ford Fiesta that had started to turn before the riders reached it.

Speed

Experts said the machine had been travelling at an average speed of 42mph in a 30 limit zone before the August 6 smash. Joshua's adult helmet was too

large and flew off in the collision. The defendant suffered three broken ribs, two fractured vertebrae and a broken thigh. Police traced him to a hospital.

Mr Gurdeep Garcha, defending, said: "He blames nobody but himself for causing catastrophic injuries."

Charles, of Fereday Street, Tipton, admitted causing serious injury by dangerous driving, failing to stop after an accident and having neither insurance nor a valid licence.

Judge Dean Kershaw told him: "You put that young boy on a bike to show off. It was some kind of twisted bravado."

Prince pays tribute to hero who saved families

HIS BRAVE actions saved thousands of Jews from Nazi concentration camps.

Now 60 years after his death it is clear Major Frank Foley's heroic deeds have not been forgotten as Prince William visited Stourbridge to unveil a statue of the unassuming hero whose actions as a senior passport officer in the British Embassy in 1930s Berlin saved families from the Holocaust.

Mary Stevens Park – near where Major Foley used to live in Eveson Road – was crowded for the big occasion on Tuesday afternoon. It was probably the grandest day at the park since Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip visited in 1957.

The Duke of Cambridge made his way down the park's boulevard, named Queen's Drive after his grandmother's visit 61 years ago.

He was greeted with chants of 'Stourbridge loves you' and was heard to comment to one spectator: "It is a lovely park you have here."

The Duke met members of Major Foley's family, descendants of some of the people he saved, as well as Dudley North MP Ian Austin and representatives of the Holocaust Educational Trust, who have campaigned to honour Major Foley in the town where he spent his retirement.

Freedom

The statue has been created by Birmingham artist Andy De Comyn, featuring Major Foley sitting on a bench, his briefcase hinting at his work as an MI6 agent and feeding a bird, symbolising freedom.

Mr De Comyn said: "It's been eight months of work with the sculpting and foundry work. It's my first full size bronze sculpture. It is a real bonus to have His Royal Highness here and it is really nice for Frank Foley to get this recognition."

Dubbed the 'British Schindler', it is believed Major Foley saved more than 10,000 Jews from the gas chambers. It was only years later that the scale of his life-saving campaign came to light after author Michael Smith, published his book, Foley: The Spy Who Saved 10,000 Jews, in 1999.

In making his speech, Labour MP Mr Austin said: "He retired in complete anonymity, never boasting about what he did. I want people to come to the park and sit next to Frank Foley and remember a great local hero."



Prince William and Ian Austin MP admire the statue of Frank Foley, where people can sit with a true hero



Prince Williams meets guests at the unveiling



The Duke chats to one of the youngest in the crowd

NEWS IN BRIEF

Cost of Paradise is up by £100m

THE costs of the Birmingham city centre's Paradise development have increased by £100 million.

The costs of the project, last thought to be around £700m, have spiralled, according to The Municipal Journal.

It comes within a few weeks of Birmingham City Council passing over management responsibility for the scheme to the Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership.

Both parties confirmed that more funding had been sought for the huge project, which has meant major traffic disruption.

The Paradise development is set to transform the civic hub of the city with new offices, bars, restaurants and a 250-bedroom hotel on the prime site between Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery and Centenary Square.

Boss is worried by travellers' site bid

A BUSINESS boss has hit out at new plans for a traveller camp.

Denise McCarron, the boss of Cradley Enterprise Centre Ltd, fears losing trade at her storage facility if the site earmarked for the former Saltbrook Scrapyard, off Saltbrook Road, gets the go-ahead. The plans are for two residential pitches, which include a touring caravan, mobile home and dayroom, with six transit pitches, utility block and parking. The applicant's name has not been revealed.

She says having the site opposite her business would deter customers.

Shotgun blast injures boy, 8

AN eight-year-old boy and his stepfather were left wounded after being blasted with a shotgun at a teenager's birthday party in the Black Country.

The boy was hit in the arm by a shotgun pellet and his 30-year-old stepfather hit in the chest when a gunman, who is still at large, opened fire at Bilston Sports and Social Club on Friday.

Armed police swooped on the Wellington Road club after reports of shots at about 11.10pm. Detectives are now reviewing CCTV footage. The victims have since left hospital.

Hospice launching a High Street superstore

A FURNITURE and clothing superstore, raising money for Mary Stevens Hospice, is opening in Brierley Hill tomorrow (Friday).

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4 Two arrests after vicious assault on traffic warden

TWO men have been arrested after a shocking video emerged showing a brutal attack on a traffic warden in Birmingham.

In the video yobs can be seen repeatedly stamping on the warden's head after he was dragged from his moped in the Alum Rock area of the city.

The moped was stolen during the vicious attack, in which at least three men kicked and stamped on the warden as he lay in the road.

Traffic warden Charlie Weston, from Wolverhampton, said he felt 'lucky to be alive' after the gang of yobs savagely beat him while he was on duty.

Police have arrested a 19-year-old man after he handed himself in at a police station. A 20-year-old man arrested on Saturday has been released on bail.

Officers are continuing to appeal for help identifying the five men shown in the mobile phone footage, filmed between 5pm and 5.30pm on Friday on Hartopp Road at the corner with College Road.

Job

The warden was going about his job when the gang attacked.

Detective Sergeant Tom Lyons, who is leading the investigation for West Midlands Police, said: "I was absolutely furious when I saw the footage. The level of violence used is truly shocking and I know every right-minded person who views it will share that anger."

Councillor Waseem Zaffar, cabinet member in charge of transport at Birmingham City Council, said the 'horrendous' attack would not be tolerated.

Marching to Freedom as borough honours RAF base

A DOUBLE celebration saw RAF Cosford receive the Freedom of Dudley during Battle of Britain commemorations.

Dudley-born Group Captain Tone Baker OBE, Station Commander at RAF Cosford, accepted the freedom scroll on the steps of Dudley Council House. It is the highest honour that can be granted by a local authority.

Councillors voted unanimously to honour the branch of the Royal Air Force and dozens lined the streets in Dudley on Sunday to show their support during a parade in which 60 personnel from the station marched through town along with six local air cadet squadrons. Music was performed by the RAF Cosford Voluntary Band.

A service was then held at St Thomas and St Luke's Church which paid tribute to the RAF heroes of the Battle of Britain before wreaths were laid at the cenotaph in Ednam Road.

Captain Baker, who joined the RAF at the age of 16 in 1989, said: "This honour is absolutely incredible. I was born in Dudley and raised here. I went to school here before attending the training corps."

Veterans

"When I joined the Royal Air Force, the first station I went to was RAF Cosford so to join these two together through the Freedom of Dudley is an incredible thing both for me professionally and personally and for the Royal Air Force."

"We have got veterans on parade so we can commemorate those who have given service to the Royal Air Force and armed forces. We also have cadets here, showing the next generation coming through. There is a great turn out and my mother and father are here."

The event was organised in partnership between Dudley Council and Dudley Royal Air Forces Association.

The Mayor of Dudley Councillor Alan Taylor, who presented the scroll, said: "It is a great honour to be able to give this Freedom of the Borough. The RAF and armed forces do a fantastic job for us by looking after the country. It is especially poignant as this year marks 100 years of the air force."



Dudley-born Group Captain Tone Baker OBE, Station Commander RAF Cosford, thanked the borough



On inspection for Dudley Mayor Cllr Alan Taylor



RAF Cosford personnel march through Dudley

NEWS IN BRIEF

Whitehall will not stop traveller site

A TRAVELLERS' transit camp in Coseley is set to go-ahead after a last ditch bid to stop it failed.

The Government says it will not call in plans for the site in Budden Road, despite outcry from residents and a plea by Wolverhampton South East MP Pat McFadden.

It is now likely to be built after Lord Bourne, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, said that he will not intervene in Dudley Council's plans.

The council argues that having such a site means they can more quickly move on travellers from illegal sites.

Olympic hero to open new store

AN Olympic gold medallist will open a new supermarket in Lye this morning (Thursday).

Team GB star Laura Unsworth will open the Aldi store in Thorns Road. Laura, who won gold as part of the women's hockey team at Rio de Janeiro in 2016, will officially cut the ribbon with store manager Marius Snyman at 8am.

As part of Aldi's Get Set to Eat Fresh initiative, Laura will also visit pupils at Rufford Primary School after the store opening to chat about the Olympic Games and healthy eating.

Clothing collection

DONATIONS of clothing are currently being sought by Russells Hall Hospital to give to vulnerable patients when they are discharged.

A team at Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust is setting up a clothing bank. Donations can be taken to the main foyer at the hospital between noon and 4pm on September 27.

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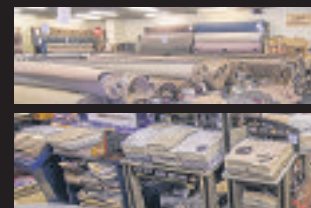
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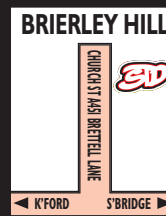
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Company is fined £1.5m over worker's 'avoidable' death

A BRIERLEY Hill logistics company has been fined more than £1 million after a worker died when he was trapped between a trailer and his vehicle.

Tuffnells Parcels Express Limited employee Leighton Jardine was fatally injured while attempting to attach a trailer to his vehicle on January 22, 2016.

Dudley Magistrates' Court heard that the trailer was parked on a slight slope, which was enough to allow it to roll forward trapping 60-year-old Mr Jardine, from Stafford.

Pop star will meet and greet the fans

POP star Peter Andre is visiting Brierley Hill in November.

An Evening with Peter Andre Unscripted comes to Brierley Hill Civic Hall on Thursday, November 15 at 8pm.

The two-hour show is a live interview with the 45-year-old star, hosted by his manager Claire Powell, and questions will be taken from the audience.

Tickets cost £25 and there are also special meet-and-greet and photograph packages available at £50 and £90. They are available from the civic hall box office on (01384) 573381 or see www.bhillcivic.co.uk website.

It has also been confirmed that Peter Andre will play the character Teen Angel when the latest touring revival of popular rock 'n' roll musical Grease comes to Birmingham Hippodrome in August 2019.

An investigation by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) into the incident found safety management arrangements for coupling trailers to vehicles failed to take account of the slope.

Guilty

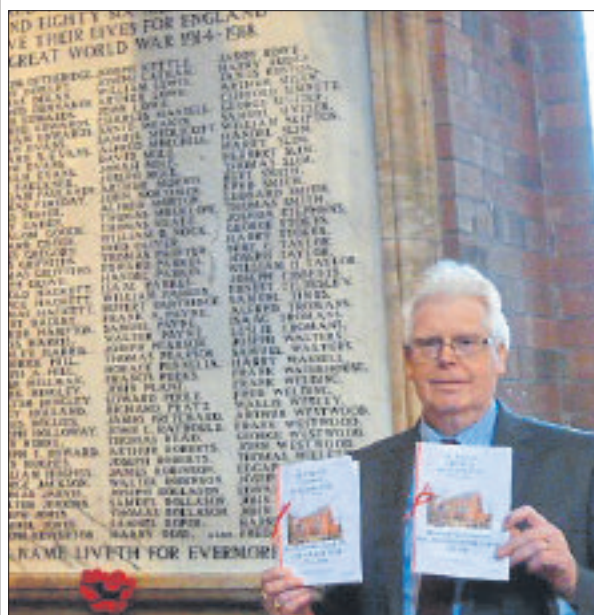
Tuffnells Parcels Express Limited, of Wallows Industrial Estate, in Fens Pool Avenue, pleaded guilty to breaching Section 2 (1) of the Health and Safety At Work Act 1974. The company has been fined £1.5m and ordered to pay costs of £32,823.35.

A spokesman for Tuffnells said they expressed sincere regret for the failings of the business in the tragic incident that led to Mr Jardine's death, and added they have since invested more than £5 million in health and safety improvements across all Tuffnells depots.

Speaking after the hearing, HSE inspector Karl Raw, said: "Had Tuffnells taken the slope into account, simple measures could have been taken that would have prevented this incident."

"This was a tragic and wholly avoidable incident."

War sacrifices not forgotten at church



Ivan Bolton's research ensures that more names of the war dead are recorded

IVAN Bolton was curious to know more about the people listed on the war memorials in his church.

A long time member of the congregation at St Paul's church at Blackheath, he was prompted to find out more about them by the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War and the forthcoming 150th anniversary of his church in 2019.

He has spent many hours researching war records and the results of his efforts have now been published in two booklets.

The church's First World War memorial tablet states that 186 men gave their lives in the 1914-1918 conflict. When researching these men Mr Bolton found an additional 78 whose names now stand alongside the tablet.

The Second World War memorial tablet shows the names of 40 men who were killed in the 1939-1945 conflict, plus three civilian casualties. Mr Bolton found an additional 46 whose names are now recorded.

Vicar of St Paul's Rev Mike Sermon said "Behind every name there is a personal and family story that we seldom get to hear about. The research behind these booklets seeks to address this and to make these stories more widely known."

The booklets are on sale with a suggested minimum donation of £2.50 (First World War) £1 (Second World War) with donations going to St Paul's 150th Anniversary Appeal. To get copies leave details on 0121 559 0072.

Council may get rid of 2,900 homes

DUDLEY could lose almost 3,000 council homes, which are considered too costly to repair or maintain.

Councillors were this week recommended to allow the demolition around 2,500 homes which are too costly to repair and sell off 375 other properties from its housing stock of 21,820. A report by housing chiefs says the council has 2,967 'red' properties, which would 'cost more to manage, maintain and invest in than they will generate in rent'.

It also argues 375 properties should be sold on the open market to avoid the discount tenants receive if they buy their homes, which can be as much as £50,000 for each property.

Housing boss Councillor Laura Taylor said: "The cost of managing and maintaining our existing council homes is estimated to be more than £1.2 billion over the next 30 years."

"We have properties which have traditionally not been popular and have proven very difficult to let. Our resources are simply not sufficient to maintain all our homes to the standard we would want and it does not make economic sense to hold on to properties that we know are not popular, such as many of our high rise flats. It is sometimes better to dispose or demolish the properties and use the money to invest in maintaining and improving ones that people do want."

Society show Flare by staging Rattigan play

WORDSLEY Amateur Dramatic Society return to the stage next month with a play set in the Second World War.

The society is performing Terence Rattigan's 1941 drama Flare Path. There will be performances from October 10 to 13 at 7.30pm in Crestwood School, Bromley Lane, Kingswinford. Tickets are £8, call (01384) 353662.

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with Mark Andrews



Miss title wasn't a hit with Siobhan

A COUPLE of weeks ago this column recalled the rather wearisome comedian whose act involved masquerading as the Mayor of Stafford and then offending people with stupid comments on Twitter.

Well I'm now wondering if there is actually more than one of them. Because it seems hard to believe that Siobhan O'Dwyer, who vented her spleen on social media after being addressed by an air hostess as 'Miss' rather than 'Dr O'Dwyer' can be anything other than a wind-up.

"I didn't spend eight years at university to be called Miss," she hollered indignantly.

Talk about a chip on the shoulder. It's a wonder the plane was able to take off with that much ego on board. On Ryan Air they would have added a baggage charge for it.

"It's not about the title," she elaborated. "It's about the fact that this wouldn't have happened if I was a man."

Oh, gerrover yerself, love. Of course it would. Because many organisations – this one included – have a policy of restricting the honorific 'Dr' to medics and clerics. If you save lives, we call you doctor. If you read lots of books, you're Mr, Mrs or Miss. It's not that big a deal.

And a quick glance at Siobhan's Twitter feed shows she hasn't performed much open-heart surgery lately. Rather, she appears to spend more time on the picket line. She looks one very angry young lady.

It transpires her doctorate is in philosophy, and she earns a crust by teaching philosophy to others at Exeter University. Presumably producing another generation of philosophy lecturers, a bit like one of those pyramid-selling schemes.

Still at least she has a job, unlike anarchist campaigner Ian Bone. He hit the headlines recently for heckling the small children of Tory MP Jacob Rees-Mogg, telling them "Your Daddy is a horrible person. Lots of people hate him."

Brave or what?

Anyway, Mr Bone, has proudly explained how he has never had a job since graduating from Swansea University in 1968 – unless you count publishing a pamphlet celebrating 'hospitalised coppers' – and has been on benefits ever since, carving out a comfortable living in a large detached house on the outskirts of Bristol.

Two questions: What sort of anarchist lives off state benefits? Aren't they supposed to be against government and all that? And secondly, did he get a gold watch from the dole office to mark his 50 years?

Is making misogyny a hate crime, just a step too far?



Brand of humour – Jo's sharp comment on men in midst of misogyny 'hate crime' debate



Not happy – Serena Williams, even before she saw an Aussie paper's widely-criticised cartoon



Chipping in with food for thought for Labour – memories of Mandy's mushy peas gaffe

Kicking out blokey banter on football

I DON'T entirely understand how making misogyny – ie hatred of women – illegal is supposed to work, in the wake of calls by Labour MP Stella Creasey. I am one of those bizarre blokes who prefers female company and would rather natter with women than get drawn into a blokey debate about footie. But it is a fact that some men simply dislike women, just as some men dislike cats, soccer or speed humps. It is also true that some women dislike blokes, as expressed by Jo Brand in one of her classic quips: "The best way to a man's heart is through his hanky pocket with a bread knife." It seems curious that the law overlooks Jo's advice on knife murder but may soon crack down on "disrespectful" men who wolf-whistle at women. I dare say I should be sent for re-education.

AT a time when overworked police can't cope with real crimes, one force is criticised for inviting complaints about non-criminal incidents. Under the banner "Hate will not be tolerated in South Yorkshire," the local force is urging folk to report non-crime hate incidents, defined as events "which can include things like offensive or insulting comments, online, in person or in writing." The idea seems to be that non-criminal speech or writing might turn into hate crime. On the same basis, why not nick drivers at 27 or 28mph? They may not be breaking the speed limit now but they might in the future, right?

I WAS going to write a couple of lines about some of the public's angrier responses to the police tweet. Better not. It might constitute a non-criminal incident.

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



IN any case, thanks to predictive-spelling programs, your non-criminal words may not even be the ones you intended. Among the many responses to the South Yorkshire Police tweet was: "Amber Rudd is a crime against humidity."

THREE cheers for the Commission for Religious Education's plea for school RE lessons to include not only religions but atheism, secularism and humanism. At long last, RE teachers will be able to say: "Right, kids, I've given you all the guff from the curriculum on organised religion. Now, here's what most of us actually believe." In my limited experience, if you explain that it's perfectly fine, decent and respectable not to believe in a god, people breathe a sigh of relief.

I REFERRED recently to tithes – the one-tenth of your income demanded by the Church in olden times. A reader has a collection of 200-year-old receipts for rents and tithes from the landlord and the church, paid by tenant farmers. In some years the landlord reduced the rent because of 'the bad state of the markets' but as far as my reader can find: "There is never a penny knocked off by the church. Clearly the aristocracy showed more Christian charity than the church."

SOME folk are raging against the 'racist' cartoon showing Serena Williams throwing her tantrum. As they are fully entitled to do. Yet I wonder how many of them were defiantly chanting 'Je Suis Charlie' a couple of years ago in their support of the Charlie Hebdo magazine after the massacre at its Paris offices? Most people claim to cherish freedom of expression. What a lot of them mean is: "I believe in freedom of expression – but..."

SCIENTISTS in Switzerland have developed a new app which will tell you exactly where your lost golf ball is. It detects a signal from a tiny transmitter inside the ball. Very clever. However, it has one basic flaw. It can only find the golf ball where the ball actually is. A much older method involves dropping a spare ball through a hole in your pocket and down your trouser leg, so you can find the ball exactly where you want it to be.

IF we believe the Guardian, research shows that: "Labour has evolved from being the party of casseroles and bingo to the party of quinoa and student protests." Anyone remember New Labour and the mushy peas? It is a story, oft told and always denied. Labour's Peter Mandelson, on a 1997 campaign visit to a chip shop Oop North, allegedly pointed to the mushy peas and asked for "some of that guacamole." Labour is always boasting about its half-a-million members. I wonder how many of them could recognise mushy peas, mild ale or a whippet.

A WHIPPET, comrade? It's like a miniature Borzoi.

TALKING POINT



A role to play for TV drama producers

SOAP operas are not averse to tackling hard-hitting storylines, and two of the popular dramas have now resorted to highlighting problems that many don't know how to handle.

Yet often, such subjects – homelessness and mental health – are taboo and, certainly with the latter, there seems a certain stigma attached.

As viewers tend to identify with soap storylines and characters, it is hoped these issues can be brought into the open and, perhaps even tackled.

In Corrie, Sean Tully has found himself, literally, on the street. Apparently it was actor Antony Cotton's own idea to bring the issue to life. He knew someone who suddenly lost everything and ended up on the streets, so he himself could identify with the problem.

Help has now been found. But the tragic plight could happen to anyone at any time, and, for those in desperate need – and through no fault of their own – sympathy, and a solution must be found.

Hollyoaks, meanwhile, has launched a mental health storyline, with one of its characters being diagnosed with schizoaffective disorder. Programme makers say they have worked closely with the charity MIND to ensure this issue is sensitively portrayed. Again, this is an issue that sufferers require help with, and that others need to understand better.

The battle faced by Destiny's Child singer Michelle Williams with depression shows how anyone can be affected.

Other big names stars have their own troubles. Selena Gomez is an idol to millions but has revealed a battle with alcohol, revealing via the lyrics of a song she was no longer sober. And it's sad to see.

Internet trolls are believed to have had a hand in Gordon falling off the wagon. It is easy to say she should set a better example and 'stay strong' for her adorners, but sympathy is needed and one can only hope the singer gets the help she needs for her addiction. It is after all, an illness.

Ant McPartlin's issues are well-documented. And, while I would never condone his drink-driving actions, it is clear he is a troubled soul who needs medical help to sort out his problems.

While there is a support network in place and there are friends are family to turn to, not all sufferers can pay big money for treatment. Some may argue that their illnesses are of their own making.

But that is not always the case, and this is where society comes in, to have a better understanding of conditions, and offer more help to anyone afflicted.

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Council inconsistent over our heritage

I do not know whether I was amused or bewildered as I read page 2 and 3 of the September 6 edition of The Chronicle.

On page 3 was the article that Dudley Council refused permission to bulldoze the Bunch of Bluebells Pub in Netherton. Councillor Ian Kettle was quoted as having said that 'we have a history to be proud of in Dudley borough' and that the demolition of the pub 'would result in losing a piece of local heritage'.

On the opposite page we have a report that the council are in favour of the vandals of Dudley College demol-

ishing the Hippodrome, an art deco building which is well known throughout Britain.

Where is the consistency in the two reports?

Could it be that if the council were behind the restoration of the building the Hippodrome would eventually compete with the variety of shows at the Town Hall?

Come on Mr Patrick Harley, you are a Conservative believing in competition.

Why not house the speedway at the rear of Hippodrome?

One of the reasons given for failure

of restoration plans is that the building contains asbestos and the removal would be expensive. The same argument follows if the building is demolished.

If the college is given permission to build would the council insist that the deco facade be kept, as several iconic buildings in Birmingham are?

Will the college be allowed to build further structures that will not enhance Dudley in the future nor add to their historical significance?

KEITH BASTABLE

Quarry Bank

Brexit – losers are the dupes

DO the persistent bad losers demanding another Brexit referendum expect that, after the next General Election, if they don't like the new Government and its policies they will be given another vote?

This is the classic EU concept of democracy – 'You have voted the 'wrong' way, we will make you vote again and again until you give us the answer we want'.

The EU stands to lose much more by our leaving than we do, so of course their bureaucrats are trying to frighten us. I suggest that those who are currently preaching gloom and catastrophe are actually the brain-washed dupes, not those who voted to escape the dead hand of profligate bureaucracy.

The EU was a great idea but, like communism, it can only maintain the lavish lifestyle of its unelected leaders by suppressing opposition.

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Number of problems on buses

I couldn't agree more with the comments of Peter Cole (Puzzled by bus number changes, Chronicle Letters, September 6).

It would be interesting to see what this cosmetic exercise has cost.

I went to catch the 205 last Monday only to find that not only had the number changed but it was now only ONCE AN HOUR.

I then went to catch an alternative and hadn't even noticed that number change as there are only two buses from this stop. It wasn't until I got into Brierley Hill to catch the old faithful 246 that I found out all the numbers had changed!

It wouldn't have been so bad if the old numbers had been put in brackets on the timetables.

What an utterly useless waste of time and money – unless by changing the numbers the buses will run more efficiently!

ELAINE ARROWSMITH
Kingswinford

Cyclists must earn respect on the road

I am fed up with hearing cyclists constantly complaining about motorists (especially as they pay nothing to use the roads). All pedal bike riders should have a test and display something to be recognised; pay insurance (cars get damaged by bike riders and the motorist has to pay) and road tax; be properly attired.

Cyclists should only ride on the road within the Highway Code rules, not in pedestrian areas, nor should they cross roads using pedestrian crossings.

When cyclists adhere to all of these conditions will they then earn my respect?

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PLANS have been unveiled to improve cycling links to railway and tram stations in the Black Country to encourage more people to use pedal-power and reduce vehicles fumes.

A new cycle infrastructure programme has been produced by Sandwell Council's strategic transport bosses and highlights work to be completed over the next two years. It includes towpath resurfacing works on the Birmingham Canal between Smethwick Galton Bridge and West Bromwich Street in Oldbury and to continue the link-up to the Dudley borough oundary.

Also mooted are improvements to pedestrian and cycle access to Sandwell and Dudley railway station via Bromford Lane, also resurfacing work on the towpath of Tame Valley Canal between Rushall Junction and Hill Farm bridge to continue in the direction of Tipton.

The report includes the creation of a segregated pedestrian and cycle route from Navigation Lane to Tame Bridge Parkway station along Walsall Road.

Rod's going to rock Molineux

ROCK superstar Sir Rod Stewart is to play Molineux next summer – the first major concert at the football ground since Bon Jovi in 2003.

Around 25,000 will attend the show on Saturday, June 8, as the 73-year-old rock legend performs as part of his Blood Red Roses tour. Ticket prices will range from £55 to £125 for a front row seat.

Tickets go on general sale tomorrow (Friday) at 9am via Ticketmaster. Wolves season ticket holders will be offered the chance to pre-order them from 9am today.

'Rambo' thug who threatened people with a knife is jailed

Cinema blaze like scene in film



Blue Watch from Woodgate Valley Fire fought the blaze at Royalty Cinema, Harborne Photo: Woodgate Valley Fire

A FIRE has torn through an empty art deco cinema in Birmingham.

West Midlands Fire and Rescue Service said about 50 firefighters had been involved in tackling the severe blaze that engulfed the Royalty Cinema in Harborne in the early hours of yesterday (Wednesday).

Photographs showed smoke pouring from the roof of the building, which opened as a cinema in the 1930s, in a blaze which lit up the sky.

West Midlands Fire and Rescue Service said it had a number of crews at the scene before raising the number of pumps to eight.

Control

The fire service said at around 4.10am that the fire had been brought under control, but warned locals there was still a lot of smoke and advised them to keep windows and doors closed.

The High Street in Harborne was closed while crews worked at the scene.

A group campaigning for the building to be renovated said they hoped it could still be saved.

"We're devastated to hear of the fire at the Royalty during the night," the Royalty Harborne group said on Facebook. "We want to thank the fire services for their hard work and hope the damage is not too extensive."

A THUG who twice threatened people with a knife, before strolling down a Black Country road with the weapon shouting 'Rambo', has been locked up for 20 months.

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard that Dudley yob Alan Joyce first threatened a man he had argued with at the White Swan pub in Baptist End Road, Netherton, on the afternoon of May 6.

Around four hours later he knocked at the door of a woman he claimed owed him money in Cole Street, Netherton, but she was not at home. Instead, he turned on Paul De Groot who had brought his family to visit a relative in the same road.

The 44-year-old followed the visitors, who did not know him, to the address and pulled out the knife when they would not let him in.

The defendant then got a stick out of his car and repeatedly hit Mr De Groot's vehicle with it, causing £2,000 damage, before leaving the scene.

Twenty-five minutes later he drove his Ford Focus into a fence at the Woodman pub in nearby Saltwells Road before getting out and heading down the street brandishing the knife and shouting 'Rambo'.

Drunk

Mrs Sati Ruck, prosecuting, said the defendant was described as appearing to be 'very drunk' by anxious eye witnesses who alerted police. He was arrested by the officers.

Miss Jabeen Akhtar, defending, said Joyce had 'no clear recollection' of what had happened. She explained that he was 'not thinking straight' after taking a cocktail of strong medication mixed with illegal drugs and possibly also alcohol.

Joyce, of Field Road, Kates Hill, admitted three cases of possession of a knife and criminal damage.

Police want to speak to the driver of van

POLICE investigating a fatal road traffic accident in Quinton are urging a potential key witness driving a white van to come forward.

Officers are keen to speak to the driver of the van which is believed to have been in the area when Ellis Haarhoff's motorcycle hit a tree in Wolverhampton Road on Sunday, September 9, at around 11.45pm.

The 18-year-old rider was taken to hospital with serious injuries but died the following morning.

Traffic police are still working to establish the circumstances of the collision and want to trace the driver of the white van who may have information. It is believed to have turned into Hagley Road.

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Breweries and pubs top up new beer guide

NEARLY 100 more pubs and 17 fresh breweries across the West Midlands feature in the new Good Beer Guide.

Among the brewers in the 2019 guide, produced annually by the Campaign for Real Ale, is Wolverhampton's Punchline Brewery.

The team of husband-and-wife Richard and Lisa Shackleton – and Andy Bate, Louise Rowan and James Plant – started the brewery in Monmore Road last year.

Each of the brewery's beers is named after the punchline of a well-known joke.

Also getting in for the first time are Brewhouse & Kitchen, Lichfield, Dogbreath Brewery, Kinver, and Brewery at the Firs, Codsall.

The 17 new breweries bring the total number in the region to 139.

Listed

In total, the West Midlands region now has 387 pubs listed in the 46th edition of the Good Beer Guide.

New entries for the Stourbridge and Halesowen area are The Old Bank in Coventry Street, Stourbridge and micropub The Crafty Pint in Wassell Road, Halesowen, with The Swan, Long Lane, Halesowen re-entering.

In the Dudley and South Staffordshire branch area there are nine new and re-entries – Britannia, Blackheath; Black Horse and Malt Shovel, Dudley; Old Dispensary, Langley; Chapel House, Lower Gornal; The Fountain, Tipton; Britannia, Upper Gornal; Horse and Jockey, Wall Heath; and the Plough & Harrow, known locally as The Steps, in Kinver.

In the Wolverhampton branch area, two pubs have gained re-entries this year – The Horse and Jockey at Woodcross and famous Black Country jazz pub The Trumpet in High Street, Bilston.

Cat turns Foxy for Strictly



Amy Dowden and her celebrity partner Danny John-Jules have been busy learning the steps for their Strictly Come Dancing debut on Saturday

DUDLEY-BASED professional dancer Amy Dowden and her celebrity partner Danny John-Jules start their bid for the Strictly Come Dancing Glitterball trophy on Saturday by dancing the Foxtrot.

Red Dwarf and Death In Paradise actor Danny, who this week celebrated his 58th birthday, is being

put through his paces by Amy after they were paired on the launch show earlier this month.

The actor, best known for playing The Cat in sci-fi comedy show Red Dwarf, is learning his debut routine as he prepares to take to the dance floor with Amy for the first time this weekend.

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Adrian Chiles and Suzi Perry will be introducing the group on the night



Tony Perry who managed the band



Suzi Perry, front, appeared as a dancer with band in their early days

Rhythm turns to blues in band's 'farewell gig'

JAMMING with Chuck Berry and Robert Plant, packing out the best Midlands music venues – and counting Suzi Perry as your biggest fan.

Not bad for a band of good friends preparing to take to the stage for what could be the final time in a career spanning four decades.

The Red Lemon Electric Blues Band will reunite to perform at Stourbridge Town Hall on Saturday, September 29.

The rhythm and blues band got a devoted following when they burst onto the music scene in the 80s. Playing at the venue for a battle of the bands contest in 1985 cemented their spot on the Midlands music scene.

TV appearances, playing at the Royal Albert Hall and gigs at the famous Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club in Birmingham beckoned over the years.

Wolverhampton broadcaster Suzi Perry often appeared as a dancer on stage in the group's early days. Her

MEMORY LANE

Report by Andrew Turton

father Tony managed the group. And fellow radio and television presenter Adrian Chiles, who was raised in nearby Hagley, also featured as bass player in early line-ups. The pair will return to introduce the band on stage when they return next month.

Achievement

Frontman and group founder Jim Merris, aged 54, from Quarry Bank, says bringing the group back together for the hometown gig will be an achievement in itself.

"One member of the group, Paul Roberts, is flying in from Australia which is brilliant," he said.

They celebrated their 30th anniversary in 2015 and have returned to the venue for a series of sell-out gigs. The group were formed after Jim was inspired by the style and success of the hit film *The Blues Brothers* which fea-

tured music from a host of soul, blues and jazz stars. Jim's love of jazz and boogie-woogie music came through his parents. He bought a Pontiac Parisienne car for £200 to have a big American-style car like those in the movies.

He secured a slot at The Broadway pub, in Norton, Stourbridge, and set about starting up a group featuring guitarist Iain Willetts, Dave Crowley, who was a talented pianist, Neil Sprayson and a young Adrian Chiles on bass. After just a handful of gigs, Adrian and Neil left for university.

Neil Bullock, now one of the country's top drummers, bass player Dave Green and Bob Pountney, who played trumpet, joined and a few months later so did trombone player Paul Roberts. Sue Clarke sang with the group. The Broadway, JB's in Dudley and now demolished Stewpony roadhouse pub at Stourton were among their venues.

After a couple of years they took on manager Tony Perry. He had co-run the PMA agency in Waterloo Road, Wolverhampton, and been a director of the city's Lafayette club.



The Red Lemon's drummer Neil Bullock



Jim Merris on stage in the 30-year anniversary gig

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Stars hooked on panto fun at the Hippodrome



Jimmy Osmond and Meera Syal in costume for this year's Birmingham Hippodrome pantomime, Peter Pan. BLACK Country writer and actress Meera Syal will be among the stars of the show when Birmingham Hippodrome stages the UK's biggest pantomime.

She joined fellow cast members Jimmy Osmond, Matt Slack and Jaymi Hensley, from Union J for the launch of Peter Pan. The show will run from December 18 until the end of January. Meera, who grew up in Essington,

near Wolverhampton, is best known for her roles in TV shows Goodness Gracious Me and The Kumars at No. 42, will take on the role of the Magical Mermaid in what will be her panto debut.

Matt Slack, who will be appearing in his sixth successive pantomime at the Hippodrome, said "People always ask me how are we going to top the show from the previous year. Well, last year's was certainly great, with a brilliant cast and people like Beverley Knight.

"But this year's really is going to be exceptional. We've got a lot of surprises in store."

Jimmy Osmond, who had hits in the 1970s as the youngest of the superstar Osmond brothers, will play Captain Hook. He said: "I've done eight pantomimes and this will be the biggest."

"I've had some great times in the city over the years, playing concerts and appearing at the Hippodrome in Chicago and Grease. So it's wonderful to be back. It feels like home."

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THE controversial 'clean air zone' in Birmingham could lead to a drastic increase in pollution in the Black Country.

This is the fear of councillors as the Second City considers bringing in a low emissions zone covering the area inside the city centre ring road in a bid to meet Government levels to limit pollution.

It means some motorists could be charged up to £100 for driving in the city – a move bosses hope will keep high pollution vehicles such as lorries out of central zone.

But the move has prompted concerns among council leaders in the Black Country, who fear the charge could mean more pollution in Walsall, Sandwell, Dudley and Wolverhampton, and have written to Birmingham Council over the issue.

Diverted

Roger Lawrence, the Labour leader of Wolverhampton Council and West Midlands Combined Authority transport lead, said: "We have serious concerns over how traffic that is diverted out of Birmingham city centre will be managed."

"What we don't want to see is a situation where buses and lorries that are diverted away from the clean air zone end up in the Black Country, worsening our air quality."

Birmingham Council say the city authority is under ministerial direction to establish a clean air zone by 2020. The Labour-run council has voted to submit a business case to the Government, although the scheme has met with widespread public opposition across Birmingham.

Local authorities are under orders to clamp down on pollution, which is a major cause of early deaths through lung infections. In the Black Country, Sandwell and Walsall in particular have suffered from poor air quality due to their proximity to the M6 and M5.

Malaika monkey business



You gotta smile – Dudley Zoo's popular chimp Malaika poses for a selfie after spotting her reflection in a keeper's phone

DUDLEY Zoo's chimp Malaika is proving something of a selfie queen as this cheeky camera phone shot shows.

She was caught checking herself out when she saw her reflection on her keeper's phone.

Senior Primate Keeper Jodie Dryden said: "It was hilarious when

Malaika was checking herself out on the phone and smiling for the camera."

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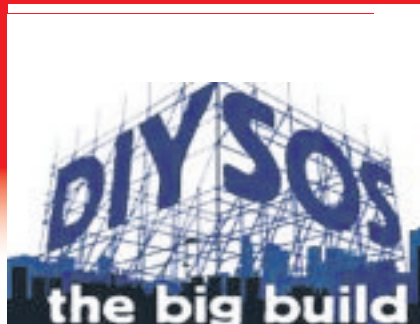
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Victorian buildings on society's endangered list

AN Oldbury landmark set of buildings which have fallen into disrepair has been named on a top 10 endangered buildings list.

The Victorian Society's annual list aims to expose the plight of Victorian and Edwardian buildings at risk.

The Grade II listed Langley Maltings, also known as Showell's Maltings, sits beside the Titford Canal and were in use until 2006.

The red brick buildings, which date back to 1870, suffered an arson attack in 2009. The buildings were saved from demolition in 2012.

The society said the attractive

design and prime location of the 130-year-old Maltings make it ideal for development.

The site is now owned by D & S Enterprises Ltd, whose director Mr Lehmbert Singh said he was happy to work with the council to find a solution for the fire-damaged site.

Society president, comedian and broadcaster Griff Rhys Jones said: "Every single building is crying out for redevelopment. These are pieces of the history of the Victorian era and its industrial, spiritual and cultural beliefs. This makes their current sad and neglected state even harder to swallow."



Langley Maltings site, which the Victorian Society says would be ideal for sympathetic development

Rundown canal site set for 1,150 homes

A MASTERPLAN has been unveiled to transform 43 acres of a rundown canalside area into more than a thousand new homes.

The Port Loop scheme has been put together by developers Urban Splash and Places for People to create a new community within Birmingham.

The new masterplan shows how the existing Icknield Port Loop area, which is close to the Jewellery Quarter, will be transformed into a new waterside neighbourhood by the pioneering joint venture partnership.

It aims to deliver the scheme with the Canal & River Trust and Birmingham City Council, creating 1,150 homes with the first homes up for sale off-plan towards the end of this month.

Adam Willetts, project director, said: "This is an incredibly exciting regeneration scheme; our masterplan is to bring the best community amenities, commercial facilities and brilliantly-designed homes together."

JLR workers are put on three day week

MORE than 3,000 workers at Jaguar Land Rover's Castle Bromwich factory are being put on a three-day week until Christmas.

It is understood the move is due to falling sales of diesel-powered vehicles.

The company says it will have no impact on JLR's factory on Wolverhampton's i54 site, where 1,800 people are employed producing diesel and petrol engines.

The former Spitfire factory at Castle Bromwich is the traditional Jaguar factory, employing around 3,200 people making the XF, XJ and XE saloons and the F-Type sports car.

But the best-selling new F-Pace and E-Pace crossover models are made at nearby Solihull - JLR's biggest factory with 10,000 staff.

Temporary

A Jaguar Land Rover spokesperson said: "As is standard business practice, Jaguar Land Rover regularly reviews its production schedules to ensure market demand is balanced globally.

"In light of the continuing headwinds impacting the car industry, we are making some temporary adjustments to our production schedules at Castle Bromwich.

"We are, however, continuing to over-proportionally invest in new products and technologies, and are committed to our UK plants in which we have invested more than £4bn since 2010."

The cut to the working week comes in the wake of moves earlier this year to

By Simon Penfold

axe 1,000 agency jobs at the Solihull factory.

Just a week ago Jaguar Land Rover boss Ralf Speth blamed that decision on diesel vehicles having been 'demonized'. He also warned that a 'hard' Brexit could cost thousands of jobs at JLR and its UK suppliers.

The Castle Bromwich plant's local MP, Jack Dromey, said: "The plant has already lost the best part of 1,000 jobs and will now be going onto a three-day week until Christmas to avoid further job losses.

"Brexit now threatens the jewel in the crown of British manufacturing excellence. Ministers must get it right or the future is bleak."

The latest move comes after a tough few months for JLR with sales falling in the UK, Europe and in its key market, China. The UK and European falls have been blamed partly on issues with diesel engines, particularly in the wake of the Volkswagen emissions scandal.

The company is moving production of its Discovery from Solihull to Slovakia.

Boss accused of 'scaremongering'

THE boss of Jaguar Land Rover was 'making it up' when he warned that a hard Brexit would wipe out its profits and cost thousands of jobs, a leading Brexiteer has claimed.

Sir Bernard Jenkin, Conservative MP for Harwich and North Essex, accused Professor Dr Ralf Speth of 'scaremongering'. Prof Speth had told the UK's first Zero Emission Vehicle Summit in Birmingham - attended by the Prime Minister - that a hard Brexit could cost JLR more than £1.2 billion a year.

Asked his view on the warning, Sir Bernard, who is a member of the Eurosceptic European Research Group, said: "I'm afraid I think he's making it up.

"We've had figures made up all the time by the scaremongers in this debate."

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Auntie play is awfully big draw

Tickets have been selling fast for the stage adaptation of David Walliams' book *Awful Auntie*, which comes to Wolverhampton Grand Theatre this month.

Demand has been so great that an extra performance has been arranged. The additional show at 3pm on September 30 follows eight other performances of the play, beginning on September 26.

The show is being presented by Birmingham Stage Company, the group behind the award-winning West End production of Walliams' *Gangsta Granny*.

Awful Auntie tells the story of Stella, who sets off to visit London with her parents, Lord and Lady Saxby, without realising her life is in danger. Waking up three months later, only her Aunt Alberta can tell Stella what has happened. But can she be trusted? Stella is soon caught up in the fight of her life!

Sales of David Walliams' *Awful Auntie* book have now reached over a million copies, making the former *Little Britain* comedian and Britain's Got Talent judge one of the country's best-selling children's authors.

His books have been translated into more than 50 languages, bringing worldwide sales to more than 17 million, and three of his books have won the National Children's Book Awards.

Tickets for *Awful Auntie* can be bought online at www.grandtheatre.co.uk or by calling 01902 429212.

Kylie is fit and fabulous at 50, bringing her show to Brum



Kylie's new Golden age

It's been a remarkable year for Kylie.

The pint-sized chanteuse celebrated her 50th birthday in style, sang at the Queen's birthday party at the Royal Albert Hall and released a stunning new album, *Golden*, which went to number one in the UK and Australia.

The Aussie star is back with a new arena tour including a concert at Birmingham's Genting Arena tomorrow night (Friday).

Golden was largely written in Nashville,

Tennessee, where Kylie Minogue says she found new inspiration. She co-wrote each track, the first time she had done so since her *Impossible Princess* record of 1997.

The record followed the break-down of a recent relationship – though it was avowedly not a break-up record.

"The last thing I'd want is a breakup album," she says. "I was done with that. Through! Moved on! And I was so much happier to have moved on."

"It's about me and about where I find myself at this point in my life."

Kylie has embraced 50 in buoyant mood.

She says: "On *Golden*, the line I had in my head was 'we're not young, we're not old, we're golden.' We adapted it for the song. I was often asked 'how does it feel to be a woman your age in this industry?'" and I was just over it.

"For my own satisfaction, I wanted to be able to say that we just are who we are at any point in time."

Get Boogie Shoes on for Night Fever

Actor and dancer Richard Winsor, star of TV drama *Casualty*, will be stepping into John Travolta's dancing shoes when he takes on the role of Tony Manero in theatre mogul Bill Kenwright's new stage production of *Saturday Night Fever*.

The tour will call at Birmingham's Alexandra Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday, September 25 to 29.

No doubt donning the iconic white suit, Winsor will be hitting the dancefloor in the story of a disco romeo who lives for the weekend.

The show is full of 70s hits from the all-time best-selling movie soundtrack including *Boogie Shoes*, *Disco Inferno* and *Bee Gees hits Stayin' Alive*, *Tragedy*, *How Deep Is Your Love*, *Night Fever*, *More Than A Woman*, *Jive Talkin'* and *You Should Be Dancing*.

Opposite Winsor, who is a former member of Matthew Bourne's acclaimed dance company, will be Kate Parr as Stephanie Manero. Her stage credits include *Follies* at the National Theatre. There is a supporting cast with lots of West End experience between them.

Whilst paying homage to the movie, this new stage version promises more drama, more music and new choreography. It is directed and produced by Kenwright with choreography by Olivier Award-winning Bill Deamer. The stage adaptation is by Robert Stigwood with Bill Oakes.

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Restaurant aims to serve fine food in heart of town

Vakas Balti Restaurant and Takeaway in Windmill Hill has been in the heart of Halesowen for 20 years.

Offering a wide range of traditional dishes, side orders, English dishes and specials, staff at Vakas aim to offer a top service to everyone.

The restaurant was newly refurbished in May and was awarded the 5 star food hygiene rating the following month.

Owner Mo has worked in Indian cuisine for 15 years and retains a strong passion for cooking. He and his partner have owned Vakas for three years and look forward to welcoming

all guests, both new and returning.

A spokesman said: "We have an extensive menu combining contemporary and traditional dishes including many exotic and fusion surprises."

"We remain true to original Asian cuisine, we always cook to order using the freshest ingredients."

"Our knowledgeable staff can guide you through the menu to ensure you get the right dish, just ask!"

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"We trust you enjoy your meal

and that our service meets your satisfaction."

"We strive to offer the best service we can, if you have any feedback, good or bad, we are glad to hear it."

The business is open daily from 5pm to 11.30pm and until 12.30am Friday and Saturday.

Vakas is currently offering a four course Sunday special meal for £9.95, eating in the restaurant.

The restaurant is open on Christmas Day for dinner, advance bookings only. You can pre-order your dishes on 01384 567 568 or book a table online at the restaurant's website at www.vakasbalti.co.uk.

AT YOUR LEISURE

She impresses us – Shania Twain



Shania's still the one after facing illness and divorce

Queen of country pop music Shania Twain is touring the UK for the first time in 13 years.

She will be in concert at Arena Birmingham on Monday, one of only six UK dates, bringing such hits as That Don't Impress Me Much, You're Still the One and Man! I Feel Like A Woman!

Her long absence from the music scene, following fourth album Up! in 2002 and a tour two years later, was partly due to illness, after contracting

Lyme disease and requiring surgery on her vocal chords.

"I never thought I'd sing again," she says. "Lyme disease can be so much more devastating. It can go to your brain. I was too embarrassed to tell anybody that I couldn't sing."

She had also gone through a bitter divorce with producer-songwriter Robert 'Mutt' Lange, who had been her partner for 14 years.

The award-winning Canadian singer/songwriter has sold more than 100 million records, making her the

best-selling female artist in country music history and among the best-selling artists of all time.

After a self-titled debut in 1993, her second record provided a breakthrough as The Woman in Me sold 20 million copies. Third album, Come On Over, in 1997 became the best-selling studio album of all-time by a female act in any genre, nearly 40 million copies. It produced singles You're Still the One, From This Moment On and Man! I Feel Like a Woman!, earning four Grammys.

Taking a walk on the wild side, Step By Step

He's been called the bravest – or craziest – man on TV

Simon Reeve, award-winning TV presenter, traveller and adventurer, has made documentaries, written books and travelled around the world several times. He presented the BBC television series Tropic of Cancer, Equator and Tropic of Capricorn, and more recently explored Australia, Greece, Turkey, Russia and Burma.

He has met and interviewed all kinds of people, from desert nomads to spies and terrorist sympathisers, from Imelda Marcos, widow of Filipino dictator Ferdinand Marcos, to Russian mystic Vissarion, who claims to be Jesus Christ reincarnated.

His career is all the more

remarkable considering on leaving school in London he had to take a series of dead-end jobs and even considered suicide.

Simon will talk about his remarkable experiences during his first theatre tour, which goes alongside the publication of his inspiring memoir Step By Step.

Summing up his outlook, he says: "We can be held back by our fears and worries – and I wouldn't criticise anybody who was – but we have to take our chances because life is so short." An Audience With Simon Reeve sees the broadcaster share anecdotes from more than 15 years of his travels, at Birmingham Town Hall on Sunday, at Shrewsbury's Theatre Severn on October 18 and Lichfield's Garrick Theatre on November 17.



Explorer Simon Reeve

American movie star is a real stand-up guy Pale Waves – tide turns for the goth-pop group

American movie star and comedian Chris Tucker is back on tour of the UK for the first time since his UK debut in 2012, with a date at Arena Birmingham next Thursday, September 27. The 46-year-old from Atlanta is a star of the Rush Hour film series and 2012's Oscar-nominated Silver Linings Playbook.

Scotland's most popular new comedy export, Kevin Bridges, is coming back to the West Midlands as part of his biggest tour to date and has already sold out all of his Birmingham shows during a four-night stint at the city's Hippodrome theatre, which began last night (Wednesday).

Irish stand-up comedian (and presumably sit-down author) Jason Byrne has embarked on a huge nationwide tour with a brand-new show entitled, You Can Come In, But Don't Start Anything, which will reach Birmingham Town Hall on September 29.

Goth-pop quartet Pale Waves are playing their biggest headline shows to date this autumn, including a headline at Birmingham's O2 Institute on Tuesday.

The band have followed the success of recent singles Kiss and The Tide as they prove why they've become one of the hottest bands of 2018 with the release of their highly anticipated debut album, My Mind Makes Noises.

Released last week it features the singles There's A Honey, Television Romance and Kiss, plus new single Eighteen, which was premiered as Annie Mac's Hottest Record on BBC Radio 1.

The band formed when Heather Baron-Gracie and Ciara Doran met at university in Manchester in 2014. A few years before that, a childhood back injury had forced Heather to take time off high school, nearly derailing her education.

She says: "I've never clicked with anyone the way I did with Ciara. We're complete opposites: I'm a hothead, and she's very calm and collected. We balance each other out."

Celebrations at restaurant

The Bangla Lounge restaurant has recently celebrated its 15th anniversary with a party, delicious food and guests dancing the night away.

Bangla Lounge has been serving the Halesowen area for 15 years. Originally set up in 2003 by owner Bari's family, the business has gone from strength to strength.

A spokesman said: "As you enter you are welcomed by a magnificent setting and a delightful marriage of classic and luxurious modern – a wonderful comfortable experience."

"The menu offers a wide variety of mouth-watering dishes from red hotGoa to cool Kashmir. On the new 2018 menu, new dishes include South Indian garlic lamb or



chicken, Dhabba Murgh, as well as exclusive house specials Tamarind king prawns, chicken makhani and home-made lamb dish.

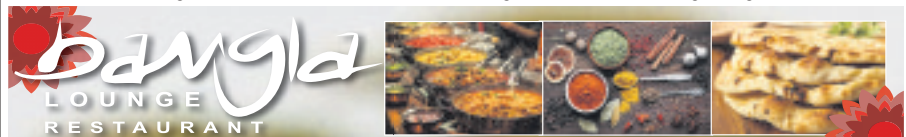
"There are plenty of dishes for vegetarians and fish lovers." All food is made freshly cooked on order and chefs take great

care in selecting the best quality ingredients. The restaurant also offers a large selection of wines and beer from around the world.

Although Bangla is licensed, they are running a special promotion until December 1. You can bring your own drinks when you are ordering off the main menu.

If you are planning a celebration, the restaurant's upstairs function room can cater for up to 40 guests and is ideal for work parties, birthday celebrations or anniversaries.

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CHOICE



Claudia Winkleman (left)

Strictly Come Dancing (BBC1, 6.15pm)
The pro-celebrity dance contest makes its return to screens, two weeks after a special introductory programme announced this year's partnerships. Now though, the competition is ready to get under way, as head judge Shirley Ballas and her fellow panellists Bruno Tonioli, Craig Revel Horwood and Darcey Bussell get their first taste of what the dancing duos are capable of achieving. None of the 15 stars taking to the dance floor this weekend will be exiting this week, though. Instead, their scores will carry over to next weekend, when viewers get a chance to vote for their favourite couples.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Nigel Slater: Eating Together. (R) 12.00 Football Focus. 1.00 BBC News. Weather. 1.15 Champions League of Darts. Coverage of four group-stage matches. 4.30 Final Score. 5.10 BBC News. 5.20 Regional Programme. 5.25 Pointless Celebrities. Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman present a Strictly Come Dancing version of the general knowledge quiz, with contestants Katya Jones, Joe McFadden, Debbie McGee, Giovanni Pernice, Ore Oduba, Oti Mabuse, Lesley Joseph and AJ Pritchard.
6.15 Strictly Come Dancing. The pro-celebrity contest makes its return to screens, two weeks after a special introductory programme announced this year's partnerships. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman present.

8.35 Casualty. Dylan is forced to treat Ciara when she comes into the hospital suffering from abdominal pains. After looking at her symptoms he orders a pregnancy test, which comes back positive. Meanwhile, Iain secures Base a place in rehab, but on the way there, Base disappears, and Duffy makes doctor's appointment and gets Robin to cover her.

9.25 Killing Eve. In the aftermath of her recent assignment, Villanelle is ordered to take a break, but she goes ahead with her next mission regardless. Meanwhile, after being fired by Frank for the debacle at the hospital, Eve is stunned to be presented with her dream opportunity – a secret, off-the-books department, a mission she is truly invested in, and the chance to build and lead her own team. Her target is Villanelle. Spy thriller, adapted for television by Phoebe Waller-Bridge and starring Jodie Comer and Sandra Oh.

10.10 BBC News. Weather; National Lottery Update.

10.30 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Cardiff City v Manchester City at the Cardiff City Stadium and Liverpool v Southampton at Anfield.

12.00 The NFL Show. Mark Chapman is joined by former players Osi Umenyiora and Jason Bell to present highlights of Thursday night's game – Cleveland Browns v New York Jets at FirstEnergy Stadium. 12.30 Weather for the Week Ahead. 12.35 BBC News.

BBC2

6.35 Top Class. (R) 7.00 Marrying Mum and Dad. (R) 7.30 All over the Place: Europe. (R) 8.00 The Denzingers. (R) 8.30 Absolute Genius with Dick & Dom. (R) 9.00 Planet Dinosaur. (R) 9.30 Elephant Diaries. (R) 10.00 The Animal's Guide to Britain. (R) 11.00 Natural World: Tiger Island. (R) 12.00 The Incredible Spice Men. (R) 12.30 Great British Menu. (R) 1.00 Great British Menu. (R) 1.30 Tom Kerridge's Proper Pub Food. (R) 2.00 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) 3.00 Scrappers – Back in the Yard. (R) 3.30 Saving Lives at Sea. (R) 4.30 Trust Me, I'm a Doctor. (R) 5.00 Monkman & Seagull's Genius Guide to Britain. (R) 5.30 Ancient Invisible Cities. (R)
6.30 PDC Champions League of Darts. Caroline Barker presents coverage of four further group-stage matches from Brighton Centre, as the third staging of the competition featuring the world's top eight players continues. This session will see the four winners from this afternoon's clashes face each other, while the four losers from those contests will be involved in the other games.

10.30 Performance Live: Hofesh Shechter's Clowns. Ore Oduba introduces the dance film, a macabre comedy of murder and desire, asking how far people will go in the name of entertainment. Directed, choreographed and composed by Hofesh Shechter, it combines bold, exhilarating and tribal movement by 10 dancers with a percussive, cinematic score.

11.00 Film: Dancer. (2016) Premiere. Documentary about Ukrainian dancer Sergei Polunin, who took the dance world by storm and became the Royal Ballet's youngest ever principal before walking away aged 22.

12.20 Film: The Skin I Live In. (2011) A plastic surgeon creates synthetic human skin that is indistinguishable from the real thing. However, nobody knows that he has accomplished this goal by experimenting on a woman he keeps as a hostage in his home – until his maid's criminal son invades the house, and secrets begin coming to light. Pedro Almodovar's thriller, starring Antonio Banderas and Elena Anaya. In Spanish. 2.10 Trust. As word of his grandson's kidnapping spreads, J Paul Getty sends his trusted fixer Fletcher Chase to Rome to investigate the disappearance. Crime drama, starring Donald Sutherland. (R) 3.10 This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Dino Dana. 6.10 Super 4. (R) 6.25 Super 4. (R) 6.35 Make It Pop. (R) 6.55 Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) 7.00 Cut the Rope: Om Nom Stories. (R) 7.05 Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) 7.15 Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) 7.30 ToonMarty. (R) 7.40 ToonMarty. (R) 7.55 Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) 8.25 Spy School. (R) 8.55 The Haunted Hathaways. (R) 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 James Martin's Saturday Morning. 11.40 The Island Strail. (R) 12.10 ITV News: Weather. 12.25 The X Factor. (R) 1.30 Ninja Warrior UK. (R) 2.30 WOS Wrestling. 3.30 Tipping Point. (R) 4.30 The Chase. (R) 5.30 ITV News: Weather. 5.50 Regional Programme: Weather.
6.00 Film: Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban. (2004) The teenage wizard is alarmed to learn a dangerous fugitive sorcerer is searching for him. Meanwhile, a new teacher at Hogwarts helps the bespectacled youngster to protect himself from the school's soul-sucking security guards. The third in the fantasy adventure series, starring Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson, Rupert Grint, Gary Oldman, David Thewlis, Michael Gambon, Robbie Coltrane and Alan Rickman.

8.35 The X Factor. The SSE Arena Wembley is the location as the audition rounds continue in the talent contest, hosted by Dermot O'Leary. Judges Robbie Williams, Ayda Williams, Louis Tomlinson and Simon Cowell decide who goes through to the Six Chair Challenge, before the competition really heats up later in the year with the live shows.

9.50 The Jonathan Ross Show. The host is joined by Brit award-winning singer Lily Allen, ahead of the release of her new autobiography, and actor Riz Ahmed, star of Rogue One: A Star Wars Story, Venom and The Night Of. Plus, Jonas Blue, who has platinum singles in more than 20 countries, will be performing his smash hit Rise.

10.55 ITV News: Weather.

11.15 Film: Van Helsing. (2004) A vampire slayer sets out to help a gypsy princess vanquish Count Dracula and his three brides once and for all. Gothic action adventure, starring Hugh Jackman and Kate Beckinsale.

1.20 Jackpot247. 3.00 Long Lost Family. (R) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.25 Mobil 1: The Grid. 6.50 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.40 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.05 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.25 Police Interceptors. (R) 1.25 Police Interceptors. (R) 2.25 Police Interceptors. (R) 3.25 Bad Tenants, Rogue Landlords. (R) 4.25 Bad Tenants, Rogue Landlords. (R) 5.25 Rich House, Poor House. (R)
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8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 How the Victorians Built Britain. Michael Buork looks at the creation of mass manufacturing, which meant that goods could be produced at a rate that had never been seen before. In Manchester, he learns how engineer George Stephenson created the first intercity railway, so that cotton could be transported quickly and cheaply from Liverpool docks to Manchester's mills. Michael also discovers how the sewing machine – newly created in 1851 – created the rag trade, and visits what was probably the first shopping mall in the UK, the Burlington Arcade in London. Last in the series.

10.00 The Forth Rail Bridge: Britain's Greatest Bridges. Rob Bell reveals the story behind the construction of the Forth Rail Bridge and how its incredible engineering achievement was born from tragedy and paid for in blood. (R)

11.05 Jack the Ripper: Missing Evidence. (R)

12.00 SuperCasino. 3.10 Britain by Bike with Larry & George Lamb. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Rise of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. 10.35 The Wonderful World of Puppies. (R) 11.30 Police Interceptors. (R) 12.25 Police Interceptors. (R) 1.25 Police Interceptors. (R) 2.25 Police Interceptors. (R) 3.25 Bad Tenants, Rogue Landlords. (R) 4.25 Bad Tenants, Rogue Landlords. (R) 5.25 Rich House, Poor House. (R)
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BBC Four
7.00 Secrets of Our Living Planet **8.00** Big Cats **9.00** Mystery Road **10.50** Timeshift: Gunning for It – TV's Hunger for Radio Comedy **11.50** Top of the Pops: 1986 **12.20** Great Guitars **Rises at the BBC**
1.20 Secrets of Our Living Planet **2.20** Big Cats **3.20** Close

ITV2
12.00 You've Been Framed! Gold **12.55** Film: Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over (2003) **1.55** FYI Daily **2.00** Film: Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over (2003) **2.40** The X Factor **3.45** Film: Paul Blart: Mall Cop (2009) **4.50** FYI Daily **5.35** Film: Paul Blart: Mall Cop (2009) **5.35** Film: Battleship (2012) **6.45** FYI Daily **6.50** Film: Battleship (2012) **8.00** Film: Hellboy II: The Golden Army (2008) **9.10** FYI Daily **9.15** Film: Hellboy II: The Golden Army (2008) **10.20** Celebrity Juice **11.10** Family Guy **12.35** American Dad! **1.35** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records: Bonkingly Big Hits **2.25** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.50** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3
3.05 Film: Carry On Camping (1969) **4.55** Lewis **7.00** Midsomer Murders **9.00** Endeavour **11.00** Vera **1.00** On the Buses **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4
12.00 Pawn Stars **1.30** ITV Racing: Live from Ayr **4.15** World Cup Top Goalscorers **4.30** Pawn Stars **5.55** Film: Where Eagles Dare (1968) **6.55** FYI Daily **7.00** Film: Where Eagles Dare (1968) **9.00** Film: Rocky IV (1985) **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05** Film: Rocky IV (1985) **11.05** Film: Universal Soldier: Regeneration (2009) **12.20** FYI Daily **12.25** Film: Universal Soldier: Regeneration (2009) **1.00** Better Late Than Never **1.55** Minder **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4
12.05 The Goldbergs **1.05** The Big Bang Theory **3.00** The Great British Bake Off **4.15** The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice **5.15** Extreme Cake Makers **5.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Film: Die Hard 2 (1990) **11.25** Gogglebox **3.25** Celebs Go Dating **4.15** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **Film4**
11.00 The Indian in the Cupboard (1995) **1.00** Capture the Flag (2015) **2.50** Megamind (2010) **4.45** Cocoon (1985) **7.00** X-Men (2000) **9.00** The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (2013) **11.45** The Transporter (2002) **1.30** Crimson Peak (2015) **3.55** Close

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Bodyguard (BBC1, 9pm)
David makes a major breakthrough as he goes in search of the truth behind the attack on Julia. However, his interference in the case has placed him in mortal danger, and he comes to realise that there is no one left who believes his story. With time rapidly running out, he faces a battle to prove his innocence in the face of mounting evidence against him. Jed Mercurio's six-part political thriller comes to a conclusion with an extended final episode. Starring Richard Madden, Gina McKee and Nina Toussaint-White. Last in the series.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **8.30** Match of the Day. (R) **10.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **11.00** Regional Programme. **11.30** Sunday Morning Live. **12.30** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News. **1.15** Hold the Sunset. (R) **1.45** Hold the Sunset. (R) **2.15** Money for Nothing. (R) **3.00** Points of View. **3.15** Songs of Praise. **3.50** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.50** Shop Well for Less? (R) **5.50** Pointless Celebrities. (R) **6.35** BBC News. **6.50** Regional Programme. **7.00** **Countryfile**. Matt Baker and Anita Rani present coverage of the 2018 One Man and His Dog contest from the village of Llanstefan, south Wales, featuring teams from England, Wales, Ireland and Scotland, each comprised of a veteran shepherd and a child in training. Anita also takes a trip on a ferry across the Tywi estuary and discovers how cockles are one of the area's richest natural resources. Including Weather for the Week Ahead. **8.00** **Antiques Roadshow**. Fiona Bruce visits the Parliament Buildings at Stormont Estate in Belfast, which has played a huge role in Northern Ireland's political history. An unloved muffin dish holds a surprise and Justin Croft spots an unread copy of Ulysses by James Joyce. John Foster delves underground into Belfast's 18th-century water system with an old wooden water pipe, while Adam Schoon meets a man with a phenomenal George Best collection. **9.00** **Bodyguard**. David has made a major breakthrough in his investigation, but his search for the truth has placed him in danger and he faces a fight to prove his innocence. Last in the series. **10.15** BBC News. **10.35** Regional Programme. **10.45** **Match of the Day 2**. Mark Chapman presents highlights of the day's top Premier League fixtures – West Ham United v Chelsea at the London Stadium and Arsenal v Everton at the Emirates Stadium. **11.45** **The Women's Football Show**. A look at the biggest issues in the women's game, focusing on matters at both club and international level. **12.20** Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.25** BBC News.

BBC2

6.35 Around the World in 80 Gardens. (R) **7.35** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.35** Countryfile. (R) **9.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Great British Menu. (R) **12.00** Great British Menu. (R) **12.30** Great British Menu. (R) **1.00** PDC Champions League of Darts. Coverage of the concluding group-stage matches from Brighton Centre, as the third staging of the competition featuring the world's top eight players continues. **4.30** World Equestrian Games. **5.30** Grammar Schools: Who Will Get In? (R) **6.30** **PDC Champions League of Darts**. Caroline Barker presents coverage of the semi-finals and final from Brighton Centre, as the players to have progressed through the group stage hope to claim the £100,000 first prize. These matches will take place over the best of 21 legs, as the winner of the third staging of this tournament is set to be decided. **10.00** **Mock the Week**. Host Dara O Briain and regular Hugh Dennis are joined by guests Ed Byrne, Ed Gamble, Kerry Godliman, Nish Kumar and Rachel Parris. (R) **10.30** **No Activity**. Stokes has had to go back to the station for a chat about the shooting incident, so Hendy is joined by an American detective. Carol shares romantic reminiscences with April. **10.55** **No Activity**. After weeks of surveillance, the drugs bust finally gets underway. However, Hendy is frustrated that he and Stokes are too far from the action. Last in the series. **11.20** **The Mighty Redcar**. Netball prodigy Sally has been awarded a partial scholarship – but her mum still needs to find some of the money. Bean and Tom face a big decision when a job offer comes their way. (R) **12.05** American Justice. When he was 12 years old, Sharron Townsend was arrested for shooting a homeless man in the head. Now aged 14, he is facing justice. As this edition reveals, in Florida, children can be transferred to adult courts at the discretion of the State Attorney, so there is no upper limit on Sharron's sentence. Cameras also follow Jeremiah Hill, who shot a man during a gun trade when he was 13 years old. Now the justice system must decide how best to protect society. (R) **1.05** Sign Zone: Question Time. (R) **2.05** Holby City. (R) **3.00** This is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Dino Dana. **6.10** Super 4. (R) **6.25** Super 4. (R) **6.35** Make It Pop. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.00** Cut the Rope: Om Nom Stories. **7.05** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.15** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.30** ToonMarty. (R) **7.40** ToonMarty. (R) **7.55** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **8.25** Spy School. (R) **8.55** The Haunted Hathaways. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Cannonball. (R) **10.20** Ninja Warrior UK. (R) **11.20** WDS Wrestling. (R) **12.20** The X Factor. (R) **1.35** ITV News: Weather. **1.45** £10k Holiday Home. (R) **2.15** Emmerdale 1918. (R) **2.45** Catchphrase. (R) **3.30** Tenable. (R) **4.30** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. (R) **5.30** The Chase. (R) **6.30** ITV News: Weather. **6.45** Regional Programme: Weather. **7.00** **5 Gold Rings**. Game show, hosted by Phillip Schofield, in which two siblings and a team of firemen compete to answer visual questions by placing rings on an LED floor. Viewers can play along using the series app. **8.00** **The X Factor**. The audition rounds continue in the talent contest, hosted by Dermot O'Leary, with judges Robbie Williams, Ayda Williams, Louis Tomlinson and Simon Cowell deciding who goes through. **9.00** **Vanity Fair**. The battle of Waterloo gets underway, with George fighting in the thick of it. Amelia fears for her husband's life, while Jos is far more worried about himself, despite being miles from the front line. Becky sees an opportunity to make a profit from the chaos of war by selling Rawdon's horses – knowing that the cowardly Jos will pay her anything for a way to escape. **10.05** **The Imitation Game**. Alexander Armstrong hosts the panel show, with Rory Bremner, Debra Stephenson, Luke Kempner and Kate Robbins performing a spoof of Downton Abbey and finding a date for Kim Woodburn. **10.45** ITV News: Weather. **11.05** **Joanna Lumley's Silk Road Adventure**. Joanna Lumley follows the Silk Road from the Black Sea to the Caspian Sea, travelling across the post-Soviet states of Georgia and Azerbaijan. (R) **12.05** Strangers. (R) **12.55** Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. (R) **3.50** British Superbike Championship Highlights. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 Motorsport: Volkswagen Racing Cup. **6.45** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.10** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Frasier. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Simpsons. (R) **1.00** The Simpsons. (R) **1.25** Film: ParaNorman. (2012) **3.20** The Great British Bake Off. (R) **4.35** Location, Location, Location. (R) **5.35** Grand Designs. (R) **6.35** **Channel 4 News**. **7.00** **Cruises from Hell: Caught on Camera**. A cautionary roll-call of nautical nightmares, as told by the demonstrators what can happen when people venture out on water. From vast cruise ships and ferries pounded by extraordinary weather, to near-death experiences on board vessels that catch fire and sink, the documentary reveals incredible moments, as told by the survivors, while psychologists discuss the seaborne anxieties people could experience on vessels ranging from the largest ships to small canoes. (R) **8.00** **Battle of Britain: Model Squadron**. The modellers reach Battle of Britain Day – 15 September 1940, when the RAF threw everything at the massed squadrons of Luftwaffe that were trying to attack London. It was on this day that Douglas Bader's controversial tactic, the Big Wing, was successfully deployed as five squadrons flew together in tight formation. The modellers must try to bring to life a model Big Wing, getting all of their planes in the sky at once and flying in formation before their final dogfight with the model Luftwaffe. Last in the series. **9.00** **Celebrity Island with Bear Grylls**. The castaways efforts to catch fish have yielded no results over the first 10 days on the island, so Montana Brown and Anthony Ogogo change tactics by going hunting for meat. **10.00** **The Circle**. Series assessing the impact of social media, in which individuals from all walks of life compete in a popularity contest to win up to £50,000. **11.00** **8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown**. Jimmy Carr hosts. (R) **12.00** Film: Queen and Country. (2014) **2.05** Mobil 1: The Grid. (R) **2.30** Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb. (R) **3.25** Grand Designs Australia. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.10** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.15** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **6.30** Luo Bao Bei. (R) **6.40** Dobby Dragon. (R) **6.50** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.00** Thomas & Friends. (R) **7.15** Bob the Builder. (R) **7.30** Rusty Rivets. **7.45** Peppa Pig. (R) **7.50** Peppa Pig. (R) **7.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.05** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.25** Nella the Princess Knight. (R) **8.45** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.00** Pirata & Capitano. **9.15** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **9.30** Floogals. (R) **9.50** Paw Patrol. (R) **10.00** Rise of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.20** Rise of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.35** Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud. (R) **11.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **11.55** Friends. (R) **12.25** Friends. (R) **12.55** Friends. (R) **1.25** Friends. (R) **1.55** Friends. (R) **2.25** Friends. (R) **2.55** Friends. (R) **3.25** Friends. (R) **3.55** Friends. (R) **4.20** Friends. (R) **4.50** Film: Along Came Polly. (2004) Romantic comedy, starring Ben Stiller and Jennifer Aniston. **5.50** Access. **5.55** Film: Along Came Polly. (2004) Concluded. **6.30** Film: King Kong. (2005) Maverick film-maker Carl Denham and his cast and crew board a ship bound for a mysterious island – but when they arrive, a giant gorilla carries off their leading lady, Ann Darrow. As the crew makes its way through the teeming jungle to find her, the director concocts a dangerous scheme to capture the great ape and take it back to New York. Peter Jackson's remake of the fantasy adventure, starring Naomi Watts, Jack Black, Adrien Brody and Andy Serkis, in a dual role as the ship's cook and motion-captured creature. Edited for language, violence and tone. **7.30** **5 News Update**. **7.35** Film: King Kong. (2005) Concluded. **9.55** **5 News Weekend**. **10.00** **Big Brother**. Daily round-up of highlights, featuring the latest tasks, games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom chit-chat. Narrated by Marcus Bentley. **11.30** **20 Moments That Rocked Britain**. Documentary looking back at major news events from the past 40 years that made a lasting impression on the British public. (R) **1.15** SuperCasino. **3.10** HMS Victory: Nelson's Great Warfare. (R) **4.00** Tribal Tens. (R) **4.45** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.10** House Doctor. (R) **5.35** Great Artists. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 The Leeds International Piano Competition 2018 **8.30** What Do Artists Do All Day? **9.00** James May's Cars of the People **10.00** Roman Britain: A Timewatch Guide **11.00** Roger Bannister: Everest on the Track **12.00** The Last Explorers **1.00** Treasures of Ancient Greece **2.00** Pappano's Classical Voices **3.00** James May's Cars of the People **4.00** Close
ITV2
1.05 Film: The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (2000) **2.10** FYI Daily **2.15** Film: The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (2000) **2.55** The X Factor **4.10** Film: Despicable Me (2010) **5.10** FYI Daily **5.15** Film: Despicable Me (2010) **6.00** Film: The LEGO Movie (2014) **7.05** FYI Daily **7.10** Film: The LEGO Movie (2014) **8.00** Film: Quantum of Solace (2008) **9.00** FYI Daily **9.05** Film: Quantum of Solace (2008) **10.10** Family Guy **11.35** American Dad! **12.35** The Cleveland Show **1.05** Ghosted **1.25** Release the Hounds **2.25** Teleshopping
ITV3
1.05 Film: Columbo Goes to the Guillotine (1989) **4.50** Foyle's War **9.00** The Good Karma Hospital **11.00** Wire in the Blood **1.05** A Touch of Frost **2.55** Road to Avonlea **4.35** Judge Judy
ITV4
1.50 Film: Police Academy 2: Their First Assignment (1985) **2.50** FYI Daily **2.55** Film: Police Academy 2: Their First Assignment (1985) **3.40** Film: Where Eagles Dare (1968) **4.40** FYI Daily **4.45** Film: Where Eagles Dare (1968) **6.50** Film: Tobruk (1967) **7.50** FYI Daily **7.55** Film: Tobruk (1967) **9.00** Film: Rocky V (1990) **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05** Film: Rocky V (1990) **11.10** Film: Source Code (2011) **12.10** FYI Daily **12.15** Film: Source Code (2011) **1.00** The Protectors **1.35** Minder **2.35** British Touring Cars – Crashes and Smashes **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping
E4
11.15 The Goldbergs **1.20** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **2.20** Young Sheldon **3.20** The Big Bang Theory **6.50** Film: Back to the Future Part II (1989) **9.00** Krypton **10.00** The Inbetweeners **11.05** The Big Bang Theory **12.00** Tattoo Fixers: Extreme **1.10** The Inbetweeners **2.15** Krypton
Film4
1.00 Stuart Little 2 (2002) **2.35** The House of Magic (2013) **4.20** The Jewel of the Nile (1985) **6.40** Suffragette (2015) **9.00** The Hunger Games: Mockingjay – Part 1 (2014) **11.20** The Sweeney (2012) **1.35** No (2012) **4.00** Close

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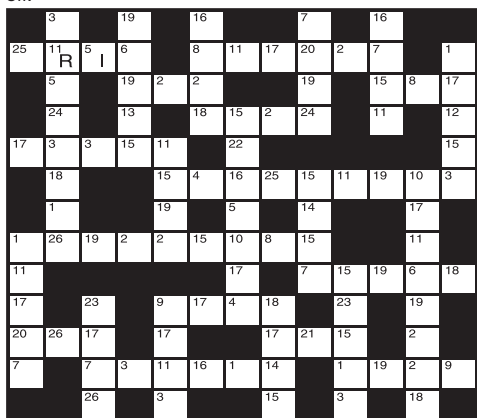
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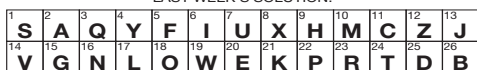
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:



Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues – both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

7. Fruit of the melon variety (5)
8. Possible purse of plenty (7)
9. He escaped to become famous (7)
10. Different route further from the centre (5)
12. Not against change though it's the wrong condition for it (10)
15. Show little promise as a sculptor (5,5)
18. Loudly call out after a plea for silence (5)
19. Something a tanner will buy! (7)
21. Stops in crooked side streets (7)
22. A temple ornament? (5)

Down

1. They tried to extract gold from St. Michael's (10)
2. Affair of love in a rum setting (5)
3. It turns up after an opponent (4)
4. Water-bound (6)
5. One line future travellers may take (8)
6. Dock or rail cut reviewed (7)
11. Don't maintain a well-balanced pace? (3,4,3)
13. A trieste composition (8)
14. Brave child backed by the mother (7)
16. Stop doing wrong (6)
17. Put six on the vehicle for the clergyman (5)
20. Keep them about you for emergencies (4)



Quick Clues:

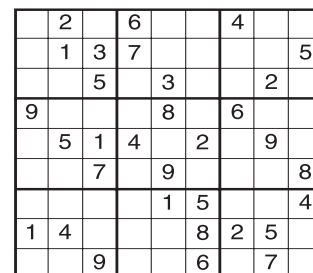
Across

7. Fat (5)
8. Joy (7)
9. Realm (7)
10. Vagrant (5)
12. Detail (10)
15. Trifling offence (10)
18. Recover (5)
19. Laborious (7)
21. Straddling (7)
22. Vision (5)

Down

1. Accountant (10)
2. Agency (5)
3. Lean (4)
4. Allow (6)
5. Of ships (8)
6. Maim (7)
11. Waywardness (10)
13. Resolution (8)
14. Assistant (7)
16. Idols (6)
17. Strong (5)
20. Elan (4)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Overseers; 8 Lee; 9 Reciprocate; 11 Rampage; 12 Piper; 13 Curare; 15 Ordain; 17 Limit; 18 Crackle; 20 Self-control; 22 Cue; 23 Stallions. Down: 2 Vie; 3 Sepia; 4 Evoked; 5 Sharper; 6 Sleepwalker; 7 Rearrange; 10 Compromised; 11 Recollect; 14 Rattles; 16 Acacia; 19 Annul; 21 Own. QUICK - Across: 1 Knowledge; 8 Run; 9 Approximate; 11 Precede; 12 Thong; 13 Shindy; 15 Script; 17 Phial; 18 Brevity; 20 Antecedence; 22 Eat; 23 Desperate. Down: 2 Nip; 3 Loose; 4 Driver; 5 Elastic; 6 Premonition; 7 Unsilently; 10 Precipitate; 11 Postponed; 14 Dilated; 16 Abacus; 19 Endue; 21 Cut.

Quiz

1. How is a leucocyte more commonly known?
2. What is the name of the Russian space station visited by the shuttle Atlantis?
3. In which city was the first underground train line opened, in 1863?
4. What do the letters UHF stand for?
5. Which Virginian star lost his fight against cancer in 1995?
6. What is a jerboa?
7. What nationality was the pioneering sixteenth-century astronomer Tycho Brahe?
8. Which physician coined the word vaccination?
9. Which tribe did Crazy Horse lead?
10. Which aircraft safety device was invented by British engineer James Martin?

Last week's solutions:

- Quiz: 1 Eland; 2 Kramer vs Kramer; 3 Succubus; 4 Seaweeds; 5 Walter de la Mare; 6 Czechoslovakia; 7 Whale; 8 Lazarus; 9 NATO; 10 George IV.

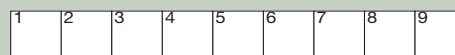
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Niner

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gives a poem,
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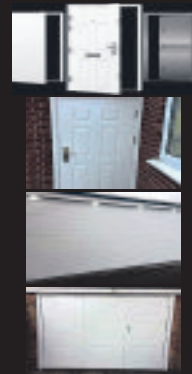
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At your average track day, you're just as likely to encounter full-fat race cars as you are fellow enthusiasts looking for a speed fix. Don't be intimidated; on-track behaviour is closely monitored to ensure that the professionals don't get too boisterous, and all rules are carefully explained before you hit the track.

Autosolo/Autotest

At Autosolo and Autotest events, you drive technical courses typically found in car parks or fields, and even the odd quarry dirt track. The course is usually defined by cones, so there should be little chance of anything solid claiming your pride and joy with a crunch. Entry fees are usually exceedingly cheap – all you'll need is a helmet, and sometimes those can be hired from the club too. As with trackdays, there will likely be some drivers with purpose-built cars, but also plenty of like-minded individuals ragging their daily motors.

Driving experiences

If you don't like the idea of pushing your own car's limits, there are driving experience days available at circuits across the country. With these experiences, you will be allowed to drive anything from supercars to single-seater racers, while others will allow you to try driving on skidpans, off-roading and rallying.

German roadtrip

In Germany, certain sections of their Autobahn network feature no speed limits, making it an ideal place to see what your car can do. Of course, you should still ensure the safety of yourself and others, so do not exceed your own personal speed limit – if you no longer feel like you're in comfortable control, slow down. If you want a proper speed freak holiday, perhaps you could drive to the iconic Nurburgring, which is often open to the public, via the Autobahn.

'Run What Ya Brung'

At the Santa Pod drag strip, 'Run What Ya Brung' events are a regular occurrence. At these events, you can take to the quarter-mile drag strip in your own car, testing the mettle of both you and your metal in a straight-line dash. With a large turnout practically guaranteed, it's also a great place to meet fellow car enthusiasts, and an opportunity to see some interesting



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Sections of the Autobahn routes have no speed limits, making it an ideal place to put your foot down

Toyota Corolla entering a new era

Corolla is the name adopted globally for the new generation of Toyota's C-segment hatchback, saloon and wagon models, to be launched in Europe in early 2019, replacing the Auris nameplate.

Toyota's new generation of C-segment hatchbacks, saloons and wagons will bear the Corolla name worldwide, building on the model's credentials as the best-selling car nameplate in automotive history.

Adopting

The Auris nameplate will be discontinued with the introduction of the new generation Corolla in early 2019.

The new naming coincides with Corolla adopting a common Toyota New Global Architecture (TNGA) platform, replacing the three different vehicle platforms currently used in the range.

"The TNGA engineering and design philosophy brings a whole new dimension to our next generation C-segment models," said Dr Johan van Zyl, president and CEO of Toyota Motor Europe.

"Adding to Corolla's renowned quality, desirability and reliability, it delivers the



Auris out and Corolla in for Toyota in 2019

more emotional values that our customers aspire to, such as a distinctive design, interior refinement, rewarding driving dynamics and powerful yet efficient hybrid electric powertrains.

"There is no better moment than the launch of the upcoming new generation model to reintroduce the Corolla name to our C-segment hatchback and wagon." The new Corolla Touring Sports wagon

will have its world premiere at the Paris Motor Show on October 2, appearing alongside the new hatchback. Both models will be presented in their hybrid electric form.

Popular family cars unable to use new fuel

Many popular family cars are unable to use a fuel that could be introduced to forecourts to cut carbon emissions, according to new research.

Some Volkswagen, Ford and Nissan vehicles are among those that aren't compatible with E10 petrol, which is designed to be less harmful to the environment.

The Department for Transport (DfT) launched a consultation last month on its proposal to encourage larger forecourts to sell E10 to help the UK meet climate change targets.

Regular petrol sold in the UK contains up to five per cent bioethanol – a type of renewable fuel – to reduce carbon. E10 involves increasing the proportion to ten per cent and is widely available across much of the European Union and other countries including the USA and Australia. The majority of vehicles in use today are approved to be fuelled with the petrol, but some older vehicles aren't.

New analysis by motoring research charity the RAC Foundation shows that many cars still in regular use are incompatible with the fuel. It found that by 2020 there will still be an estimated 28,066 Volkswagen Golfs on the road that would be affected, the most of any model. Other models in the top 10 incompatibility list include the Nissan Micra (15,785), Rover 25 (9,879) and Ford Escort (8,947).

In total, 634,309 petrol cars will be in use but incompatible with E10 in 2020, according to the research. Of these, 150,000 will have been manufactured from the year 2000 onwards.

The DfT is proposing to introduce a requirement for larger filling stations to continue to stock standard petrol in an E5 grade if they decide to add an E10 option, in a bid to ensure the owners of older vehicles can continue to drive.

Steve Gooding, director of the RAC Foundation, said: "As and when E10 appears on the forecourts, drivers need to know whether their cars can use it without being damaged."

"This analysis shows that even in a couple of years' time there will still be hundreds of thousands of cars on our roads that are incompatible with the new fuel."

"Whilst some of the cars incompatible with E10 fuel will be historic models, many will be old but serviceable everyday run-arounds that people on a tight travel budget rely on to get about. The good news is both that the vast majority of cars on our roads are able to run on E10 and that transport secretary Chris Grayling has recognised the need to protect the users of those older vehicles which are not E10-compatible."



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Land Rover's new canine accessories

If you're one of the 26 per cent of dog-owning households in the UK, Land Rover's new range of accessories could be barking up your tree.

The British brand has launched a range of 'Pet Packs' to cater for the comfort of car owners' canine companions.

With Land Rover estimating that around half of its customers are dog owners, few brands would seem to suit the accessory packs so well. There are three on offer, and all will fit into any current Land Rover or Range Rover model.

Starting off the range is the Pet Transportation Pack, which costs from £360.37. It includes a foldable pet carrier, spill-resistant water bowl and a rubber mat to keep the boot floor clear of muddy paws.

Step up to the Pet Load Space Protection Pack for £482 and you'll gain a quilted load space liner, full-height luggage partition and that same water bowl. This pack is aimed at owners of larger dogs that won't fit into a pet crate.

Finally, the top-of-the-range Pet Care and Access Pack offers the luggage partition and quilted load liner, along with a pet access ramp to help elderly or infirm pooches access the boot. It will support up to 85kg as a result of its sturdy aluminium construction.

There's also a novel portable rinse system – essentially a 6.5-litre shower ideal for hosing off muddy paws on either dogs or humans. The Care and Access Pack costs from £887.56.

Finbar McFall, product marketing director for Land Rover, said: "Land Rover is all about enjoying the great outdoors and that goes hand-in-hand with dog ownership for many customers.

"Our customers told us that the comfort of their dogs on car journeys is crucial. They are part of the family and we recognise that. Our new Pet Packs will allow dogs to travel in real comfort and make journeys simpler and more relaxing for animals and at the same time protect the inside of owners' vehicles."

Audi heads for electric future with Formula E



In 2019, Audi will continue to compete with electric power in motorsport. At the same time, the manufacturer will prolong its factory-backed commitment in the popular DTM touring car series.

In the 2017/2018 season, Audi was the first German auto manufacturer on the Formula E grid. With four victories and eleven podiums after 12 races around the globe, Audi Sport ABT Schaeffler claimed the championship. The commitment in the fully electric series experiencing a boom with the participation of other manufacturers and partners forms the electric pillar of the brand's motorsport involvement.

Audi will also continue to be active in the DTM and gripping motorsport with internal combustion engines in the future. Next year, the DTM will see one of the most radical changes in its more than 30-year-history: In 2019, modern four-cylinder turbo engines will be introduced. In addition, the "Class One" being driven by the DTM and the Japanese Super GT will make its debut. The new regulations will make it possible to field the cars in both championships. It provides the basis for the joint races to be held for the first time starting in 2019 and increased internationalization. Following Mercedes-Benz' exit, a minimum of three brands being represented from 2020 on at the latest will be the prerequisite for Audi's continuing DTM commitment.

Even sharper and more refined: Lexus reimagines the RC luxury sports coupe

By Sharon Walters

A new version of the Lexus RC luxury sports coupe will make its global debut at the Paris Motor Show on October 2. Sales of the new model will commence from late this year.

Since its introduction in 2014, the RC has played a major role in promoting Lexus's commitment to delivering a more emotional quality in the driving experience provided by its vehicles, with its sporty appearance and versatile driving character. The fresh new RC retains all the virtues of the current model, but takes them to a higher level by adopting the latest evolution of Lexus's signature design language and sharpened driving dynamics inspired by the brand's flagship luxury coupe, the LC.

The exterior styling remains as sporty as the current model, but subtle changes in the details, inspired by Lexus LC design cues, imbue it with a new-found elegance. Inside the cabin, everything from the high-quality materials to the precise layout of controls and gauges was crafted to maximise driving pleasure.

Enhancements have been made to the RC's aerodynamics, tyres and suspension, and there are also improvements to engine response and steering feel, all of which reflect the "sharper and more refined" drive philosophy that was introduced by the LC. The new RC is more stable than ever under a wide variety of driving conditions. This provides a high level of driver confidence and a reassuringly flat ride quality, making the coupe an ideal grand tourer, whether you're negotiating a twisty mountain road or simply making a long-distance commute on the open highway.

Lexus designers sought to maintain the RC's dynamic coupe proportions, while adding a high level of elegance to the exterior. Key to achieving this was the addition of distinctive design elements, such as a new front bumper corner that flows down from the headlamps and a grille mesh pattern comprising shapes which gradually transform from top to bottom, creating an intriguing visual tension. The vertical arrangement of the extra-small triple LED headlamps and new L-shaped LED clearance lamps add to the car's more distinguished appearance.

Air ducts have been added to the corners of the rear bumper, resulting in better handling stability and enhanced overall driving response. A wider stance and lower centre of gravity reflect the car's high ability to maintain grip in different road conditions. The rear combination lamps now house more pronounced L-shaped lenses that are a new signature design feature for Lexus coupes.

Eleven different exterior colours will be available for the RC, including Naples Yellow and Sky Blue, shades which perfectly communicate the car's dynamic nature.

The new RC F Sport features the same grille mesh pattern on all Lexus F Sport models, together with many other custom exterior and interior items that are exclusive to this special grade. These include powerfully styled 19-inch alloy wheels, inspired by those used by the LS and LC luxury flagship sedan and coupe.



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The new Lexus RC F Sport has powerfully styled 19-inch alloy wheels

Mind the gender gap! Men are paying more than women for car insurance

The greater number of driving offences committed by men is the reason for a gap in car insurance prices between genders, according to a study.

Insurance comparison website Confused.com found that on average women will pay £92 less for insurance cover than a man will on an equivalent policy, despite a 2012 EU directive making it illegal for companies to use a person's gender when calculating premiums.

The average quote for women was £701, while men saw an average of £793. These figures were based on six million insurance quotes carried out by the insurer over the summer of 2018.

Confused.com presented its research as a visual experiment on its website, breaking down the number and type of claims and motoring offences made by gender.

It found that of the 585,000 drivers taken to court for motoring offences during 2017, 79 per cent were male.

Thirty per cent of the offences were for speeding, comprising 23 per cent committed by men and just seven per cent by women.

There's a similar disparity with insurance claims. Men made 65 per cent of car insurance claims in 2017, and were almost twice as likely to be 'at fault' when making a claim. In addition, men's claims averaged a total cost of £3,271, compared with £3,121 for women – so not only do they claim more often but their claims are also more expensive.

Motorsport competitor and Confused.com motoring editor Amanda Stretton said: "As a female racing driver, I know women can hold their own when it comes to driving, and data suggests that they are in fact safer on the roads. This is reflected in the fact that they are paying almost £100 less for their car insurance premiums.

"But regardless of who is paying more, men or women, car insurance is a cost that is unavoidable for all drivers."





Out on the water and still time to smile for the camera



Members of Wolverhampton Canoe Club ready for one of their weekly sessions

Pictures Alan Fogarasy



Hobby or competition, it is ideal for all ages



Instructor Marcin Kruczynski with his daughter Kornelia

Hidden gem provides an oar-some activity

IF you dream of relaxing strolls, connecting with nature or simply finding a new hobby to keep you active, the answer could be hiding right before your eyes.

Wolverhampton Canoe Club, in Oxley Moor Road, may have been founded back in 1956, but it remains one of the city's hidden gems.

With direct access to the Staffordshire and Worcestershire canal, the friendly group welcomes people who want to take to the water for a whole host of reasons.

Whether you fancy taking a gentle paddle to relax and connect with nature, or you want to compete against others on courses designed to test – everyone is catered for.

The club is run by volunteers who are led by chairwoman Sharon Tarbuck, whose father was one of the club's founder members.

Friendly

And she believes the organisation provides the perfect environment for anyone looking to take up a new hobby.

"Wolverhampton Canoe Club is a family friendly club that is open to absolutely everyone," Sharon said.

"The Staffordshire and Worcestershire canal is beautiful and it's so relaxing when you are out there having a casual paddle, there is no hustle or bustle.

"Canoeing can be very therapeutic. It allows you to connect with wildlife and also keeps you fit. But we also have members who want to progress and who compete in races and slaloms.

"Whatever you want to do you can do it, everything is at your own pace but we are an encompassing club and there will be plenty of people happy to help."

While some people may be anxious about stepping into a canoe and onto the water, she says it doesn't take long to pick up the skills you need.

"Some people pick it up very quickly, others take a while," she said. "But we can go through it in baby steps.

"We run five-week courses and the first session is as simple as learning to sit in the boat. We then introduce you to strokes and other basic things.

"Our youngest member is seven-years-old, our old-

SPORTING FEATURE

By Joseph Masi

"For a lot of members, canoeing is about getting out there and exploring at a nice pace of life. Everyone can progress at their own rate."

est is 78-years-old and we recently had someone join us who is registered blind.

"For a lot of members, canoeing is about getting out there and exploring at a nice pace of life. Everyone can progress at their own rate."

Open for four sessions a week, the club has junior and adult teams that have tasted success in regional competitions.

Members also hold their own annual race between Ironbridge and Bridgnorth on the River Severn.

The overall aim of the club, though, is for people to relax and enjoy themselves.

"I'd definitely recommend people take up canoeing," she added.

Safe

"It's very enjoyable and Wolverhampton is a club that is run by volunteers and is family friendly with parents bringing down their children and having a great time on the water.

"It's very safe. We like people to go off in groups of three. And membership wise we are doing very well, we have new people wanting to get involved on a weekly basis.

"For safety, you can't join until you have done a course. But after that you can paddle away.

"If anyone is interested in joining give us a call because there are so many benefits to joining."

For more information on Wolverhampton Canoe Club visit <http://www.wolverhamptoncanoeclub.co.uk/> or call 07506903500.



Youngster Kai Drysdale

Young golfer misses school to land trophy

A 12-year-old golfer who hit her first ball as a three-year-old is preparing for a round of a lifetime after beat thousands of amateur golfers across England to win the Bridgestone Chase Your Dream Trophy.

Isabelle Badger, of Halesowen Golf Club, won the final of the competition, run by England Golf, at the pro-am of the Bridgestone Challenge at Luton Hoo, following a number of qualification stages.

She joined Spencer Burlingham from Essex and Martin Derrick from Sussex in the triumphant team, and they now go on to play in the pro-am of the Sky Sports British Masters at Walton Heath on October 10.

The youngster was meant to be back in the classroom at Pedmore School, Stourbridge, for the first day of the new term, but was given special dispensation to play in the final of the Chase Your Dream Trophy – and now has a trophy to take back to the next school assembly.

The 13 handicapper, said: "It feels amazing! My own dream is to become a professional golfer one day."

'Missile' rides in as guest of Cycle Show

FORMER world champion Mark Cavendish MBE will be a guest at this year's Cycle Show at the NEC in Birmingham. The UK's national cycling showcase takes place from September 28 to 30.

The Manx Missile, who has 146 professional victories to his name including 48 Grand Tour wins and the 2011 World Championships, will appear alongside a star-studded list of riders.

The public will have a chance to quiz Cavendish in a Q&A on the final day. He will also share tales of his journey from riding BMX as a child to being at the top of his sport. He will sign autographs and pose for photos in the VIP Lounge.

Visitors can try and buy the latest 2019 products from the leading brands.

There will be two children's tracks, while the Extreme Bike Battle will provide a chance to see stunts from across the BMX and MTB world – with the UK's number one BMX ranked rider Lee Musselwhite on hand to demonstrate. For tickets, visit cycleshows.co.uk

Robinson the star as Brewwood clinch T20

BEN Robinson starred with both bat and ball as Brewwood were crowned Staffs Clubs T20 Knockout champions. He blasted 42 from 38 balls to rescue his team after they had been reduced to 38-6 batting first.

Brewwood's total of 136-8 from their 20 overs eventually proved sufficient thanks chiefly to Robinson, who finished with figures of 5-21 from his four overs.

Despite skipper Sajid Nazir hitting 28 from 24 balls to open Whittington's reply, their innings eventually petered out to finish 111-9, some 25 runs short.

James Evans had earlier taken 3-21 as Whittington assumed early control at Vicarage Road. But things then took a dramatic turn once Robinson had arrived at the crease.

Aldridge clinched the second XI title with a 10-wicket win over Wednesbury. Wednesbury were limited to 108-8. Imran Bashir then hit an unbeaten 71 from 40 balls as Aldridge chased down the target in 11.4 overs.



Frustrated Glassboys draw blank

St Ives 0 Stourbridge 0
STOURBRIDGE had to settle for a share of the Southern Central spoils after drawing a blank at St Ives.

The visitors struggled to break down a stubborn home side who defended in depth for most of the match.

The Glassboys had a goal ruled out on 26 minutes. Robbie Thompson-Brown floated a free-kick to the far post where full-back Aaron Hayden headed home only for the effort to be disallowed for a foul on St Ives goalkeeper Sam Wilson.

The defining moment of the game arrived exactly on the hour-mark when Brad Birch forged his way into a packed St Ives goalmouth where he was bundled off the ball and the referee pointed to the penalty spot.

Thompson-Brown stepped up to take the kick, but it was spectacularly saved by Wilson, diving low to his right.

St Ives survived on 67 minutes when Wilson failed to gather a flick header from Callum Powell while under pressure from Kaiman Anderson, but the Stourbridge striker was unable to capitalise following a goal-saving block by St Ives central defender Sam Cartwright.

Stourbridge carved out one final chance with two minutes remaining. Birch crossed for Anderson, who headed into the path of Leon Broadhurst, but the long serving midfielder man could only fire straight at a relieved Wilson.

Glassboys got a goalless draw at Alvechurch on Tuesday night and take on Leamington in the FA Cup second qualifying round on Saturday.

Visitors go out on a Limb to deprive Veltz of three points

Halesowen Town 2 King's Lynn 2
HALESOWEN remain unbeaten at home but had to finally settle for a point after recovering from an early setback to take a second-half lead.

There were two goals in the first six minutes of an even first half. The Linnets made a perfect start to their first league game under caretaker managers Robbie Back and Neil Fryatt, grabbing the lead with the first attack of the game.

A long free-kick from Michael Clunan was headed back at the far post by Ryan Fryatt for Craig Parker to turn the ball home on the goal-line.

Veltz were soon back on level terms when Jack Kelly crossed from the left for James Roberts to side-foot home.

Halesowen took a 49th minute lead when Lee Hughes converted from the penalty spot after he was tripped in the area. But the visitors found a late equaliser when Frazer Blake-Tracy delivered a great 83rd minute cross for Harry Limb to score with a bullet diving header.

Veltz are in FA Cup action on Saturday, at home to Gainsborough in the second qualifying round.

Double Two racers claim title treble



Wright and Siviter with support teams

BLACK Country's Double Two Racing claimed their third title in as many years of endurance riding after once again dominating – and showing – their class.

Pete Wright and Martyn Siviter, backed by Track Prep Racing, have won virtually every round.

And, for round seven at Cadwell Park, Wright, from Tividale, and Siviter, from Blackheath, wrapped up the endurance No Limits Racing Club 600 class title with a round to spare.

The final round takes place at Donington Park, October 6-7.

Wright finished the opening test day by beating his own lap record by 1.6 seconds, which set the team up nicely for qualifying.

Wright started the race and as the flagged dropped he got an absolute flyer, rising from 13th to fifth into the first turn.

Many of the 1,000cc machines soon grunted their way back past but Wright was still able to hold

first in the Club 600 class. Pulling away from second place by more than two seconds a lap, the team was building up a big lead.

Following their fastest pit stop of the year – 19 seconds – Siviter steadily increased the gap, building a cushion of 73 seconds before another super-slick transponder change sent Wright back out.

Siviter was sent off again 45 minutes later and was able to bring home the race and championship.

FOURTH TITLE IN FOUR YEARS

THE sun has set on the 2018 season with Halesowen CC yet again picking up honours on the last day of the season to make it four club trophies in the same number of seasons.

This year's 3rd XI championship follows Second XI's promotion in 2015, The Worcestershire County Cup the following year and the first team's promotion last year, promising a bright future for the club.

Whilst the first and second teams were thrashing Himley and Shrewsbury respectively the thirds encountered a tricky away fixture at Alveley. Going in to the game just four points ahead of Astwood Bank and 10 points ahead of near neighbours Romsley, a win and 24 points was the only safe way to take the title and that they did so in style.

Nagging

Restricting Alveley to 145 all out thanks to the nagging line and length of bowlers Naim Luhar (4-19) and victorious captain Chris Jones (4-26) they then made hard work of the reply finding themselves 24-4 at one point until Sam Preece (43) and once again Richard Cox (48 not out) steered them to the title. Jones said: "It's been a long season with plenty of tight matches and exciting moments but I am delighted in my first year of captaincy to have pulled it off. In Siddesh Chavan, Carl Bust, Jonty Preece and Richard Cox I have had some reliable allies week in week out when the going gets tough and today was no different."

"However the icing on the cake must be the amount of under 18s that have also contributed to the season and the success. The club looks in good health for the new league set-up in 2019 and we can't wait."

For the first team, a century from Ed Kilbee



Worcestershire Cricket League Champions Halesowen CC Captain Chris Jones receives the trophy from former Worcestershire CCC Player and now League Manager Stuart Lampitt

(101) and a half-century from Alexei Kervezee (53) saw Halesowen to 267 all out against Himley for whom Thomas Rhodes took 3-58. Only two Himley batsmen scored more than 13, in reply, with Dan Durman the best with 83. Kervezee took 3-33 as Himley were bowled out for 198.

The second team chased down 105 comfortably but were indebted to Hassan Akram's haul of 4-13 and Tom Williams' 45. The 4th team's season petered out as they were defeated by Alveley 2nds. Alex Jordan (105) led with the bat.

In post-game celebrations at Seth Somers Park, the club's season award winners were celebrated. The first XI player of the season was Ed

Kilbee, with the second, third and fourth team awards going to Mohammad Shauib, Siddhesh Chavan and Sam Butt respectively.

Charles Reeves collected three awards, with the MVP, the fans' player and players' player of the year and there were two awards Archie Reeves, namely young player of the year and most improved. Rob Reeves was Clubman of the Year and Ciaran Barker-Smith was rewarded for the best individual performance.

Harry Kitchen, Charlie Greening and Ciaran Barker-Smith all claimed hat-tricks during the campaign and there were 100s for Shauib, Ed Kilbee, Jamie Harris and Hayden Evans.

Pride shown by Heathens despite loss

CRADLEY team boss Will Pottinger admitted he was "extremely proud" of his side as they went down with a fight in the National Trophy final.

The Heathens were facing almost Mission Impossible at Mildenhall after losing the first leg at home by 12 points. The Fen Tigers completed the double with a 49-41 win but Pottinger's lads made the home side battle all the way.

He said: "It was always going to be the impossible job. The 12-point deficit was a mountain to climb but after going 18-6 down after just four heats the destination of the trophy was never in doubt."

"But we kept fighting and I was delighted with the spirit. I'm extremely proud of how they dug in and we actually won the second half of the meeting."

"We kept it down to eight points and the 5-1 in the last race was an excellent way to finish our season. I think we go away with our heads held high after an excellent performance all round."

The Heathens were 27-9 down after just six heats and it looked as if Mildenhall were going to run up a cricket score. But Nathan Stoneman and Tom Brennan hit back with a 4-2 over wonderkid Drew Kemp in heat seven and the mini-fightback began. Alfie Bowtell and Stoneman also teamed up for two late 5-1s as the Heathens went down in style.

Mildenhall 49: Ben Morley 9+1, Drew Kemp 9, Jordan Jenkins 9, Ryan Kinsley 7+2, Matt Marson 7+1, Sam Bebbie 6+2, Josh Bailey 2.

Cradley 41: Nathan Stoneman 14+2, Alfie Bowtell 10+1, Jason Edwards 7, Tom Brennan 6, Richard Andrews 3+1, James Chatten 1.

Misfortune suffered by young scullers

A PAIR of Dudley Rowing Club scullers took to the water at Worcester Autumn Regatta. Ben Nolan and Sophie Glazzard, both aged 15, had to compete above their age group due to British Rowing's system of classification.

Nolan, against a 16-year-old, lost by two lengths over a buoyed 750m course. Glazzard unluckily went off course and was obstructed as her 17-year-old rival flagged while half a length ahead.

Their coach, 76-year-old Colin Lloyd and Stan Butler, 68, from Bridgnorth Rowing Club, finished two lengths behind two younger opponents in the Masters double sculls.

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The sixth form is a purpose built contemporary facility

which includes a Common Room, TwentyTen coffee bar and Fitness Suite. The facilities are designed specifically for sixth form study and to reflect a university environment.

Windsor has an excellent specialist team of sixth form teachers and we pride ourselves on small group sizes, enhancing and personalising sixth form study.

Windsor School Open Evening

For prospective students

Wednesday 24th

6.30pm -

Richmond

Halesowen



“ Beginning
with a real a



Our aim is to create a vibrant environment in which we give every opportunity academically, developmentally and above all enjoy the

See our website for A-Level and vocational courses available and

Sixth Form

excellence for all

Sixth Form Evening

Students and parents

on October 2018

7.00pm

High Street

SL6 4BB

Year 12 adventure



Create a learning environment in which students are given the opportunity to flourish, develop socially and gain their experience.



Post 16 Results

We have another excellent set of results this year, testament to the hard work and dedication shown by our students and staff. Students can be proud that they have achieved some amazing attainment and progress scores demonstrating our commitment to excellence for all.

This year we will achieve positive progress scores again and in terms of attainment, 13% of students achieved at least 3 A*-A grades

or their equivalent and 100% passed the new harder to achieve vocational qualifications. Our BTEC average grade is Distinction.

Students are progressing onto a wide-range of destinations including Russell Group universities and higher apprenticeships, with one student continuing our trend of "Oxbridge" success going on to study Japanese at Oxford.

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*We believe in tolerance, empathy and the development of interpersonal and social skills.
We have a nationally recognised student leadership development programme which we believe is
developing “tomorrow’s” leaders today!*

“**Student leadership is integral
to student achievement
and leadership is central to
everything we do**”

We are committed to achieving the very best for all our students across the age range of 11-19.

Academic success at GCSE and A-Level is a central aim for us as this determines the careers and opportunities available to our students. Whilst we are proud of our academic record and our rich and varied curriculum, we ensure that there are many opportunities to develop wider interests such as in the arts and sports. Our school motto, 'Excellence for All', applies equally to academic study and extra-curricular activity. We offer a “pledge” to all our students that they will undertake a series of life enriching opportunities during their time in our school. This “pledge” guarantees that all our students undertake a range of experiences from trips and visits to learning essential life skills that stretch and challenge our students and lead them to a more successful future.

“**Windsor is outstanding for sport and has superb facilities**”



We believe in traditional values such as honesty, courtesy and respect and these are embedded in the 'Windsor Way' which provides expectations for all.

Outstanding Academic Success!

GCSE Results

We are extremely proud of our Year 11 students, who achieved some fantastic results this summer. In this year of uncertainty with the new GCSE 9–1 grades, we were thrilled that our Year 11 cohort achieved an amazing 48 grade 9 results, with nearly 10% achieving this grade and 60 students achieving at least 3 grades at 9–7. One student achieved seven grade 9 results, one grade 8 and one A*. He is one of the top achievers nationally.

69% of our students achieved the new grades 9–4 in English and Mathematics, whilst 41% achieved the new 'strong pass' benchmark of 9–5 in both subjects.

We are most proud that our Progress 8 score is positive again for the third year in succession. This is above local and national averages and demonstrates that students at Windsor make outstanding progress.

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